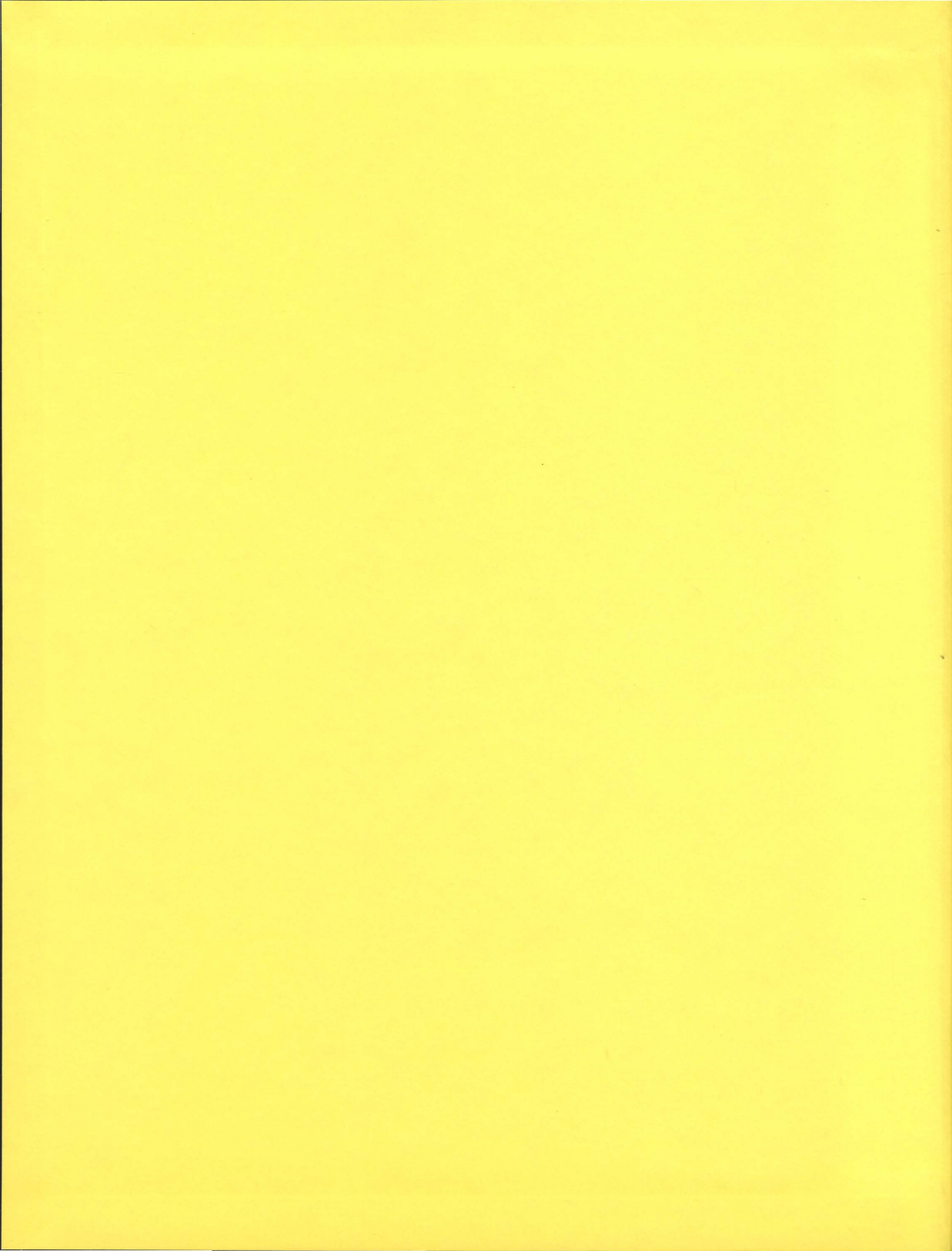
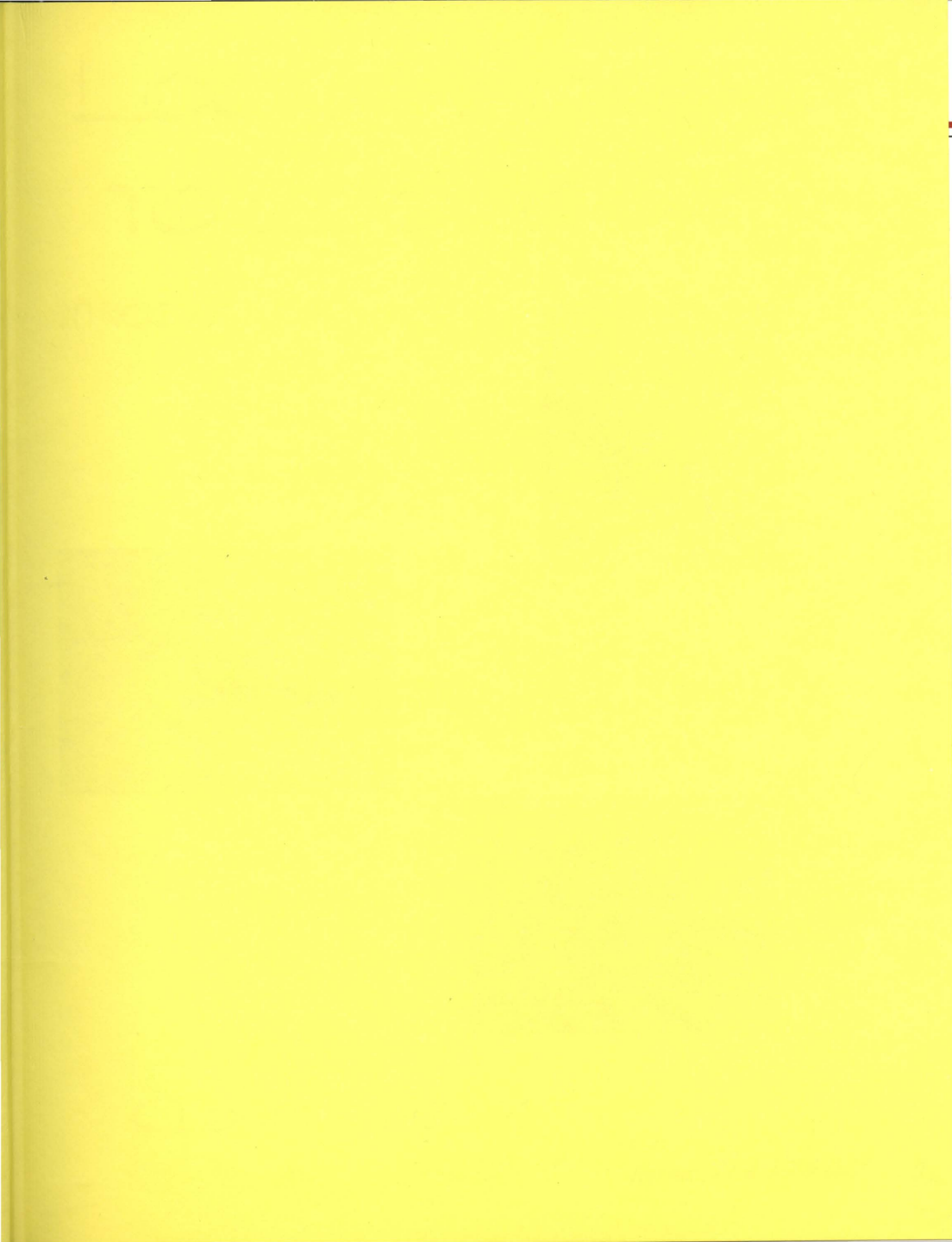




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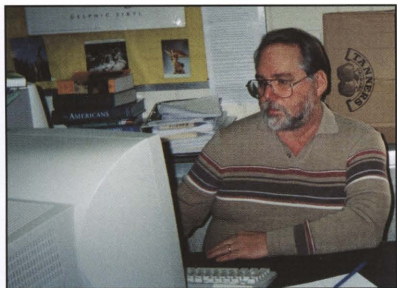
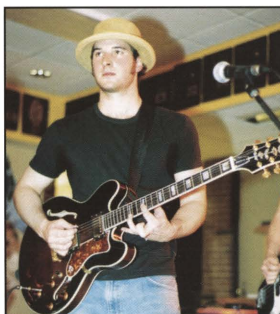


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Looking Forward to Looking Back

Sandwiched between childhood dreams and adult responsibility there are the confusing-dare we suggest turbulent?-years of high school.

The total fear I felt on the first day of freshman year is indescribable, though perhaps understandable when you learn that my mom packed me a turkey and lettuce on white, which I ate-from a plaid Eddie Bauer lunch bag-by myself in the crowded lounge. As traumatic as the experience seemed, however, I survived. I also ottived the lunch bag, which was discarded shortly thereafter.

That's not the point of the story, though. I know that there were many more lonely, sad days during my first year, but I don't remember them. On the other hand, I recall the good times with vivid clarity.

That's the funny thing about memory. It softens lines and blurs edges. It lumps all the negative experiences into an indistinguishable pile labeled "Learning" and allows them to rot in the recesses of our mind. It offers perspective; after all, the world didn't stop simply because I had no lunch companion on the first day of high school.

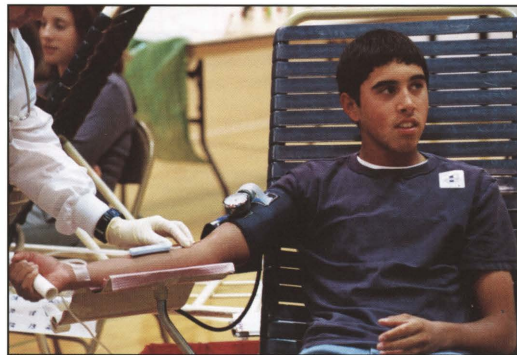
Luckily, memory also seems to enhance the positive. We have the ability to focus on small, but important details and let them become monstrously large in scope.

I assume that it is this phenomenon that is responsible for the fact that most people romanticize youth, idealize high school and insist on telling us that we need to reach out and grasp life with both hands, because it doesn't get any better than this. I also assume that I will one day be one of those people.

Someday, I will forget about freshman fear and remember senior superiority. The awards assemblies and motivational speakers will slip my mind, but I will recall getting out of school to watch the volleyball team bulldoze their way to State. The stresses associated with classwork and extracurriculars such as yearbook will fade away, and I will have only the finished product to admire.

When I say that I am looking forward to looking back, I really mean it. I hope you feel the same.

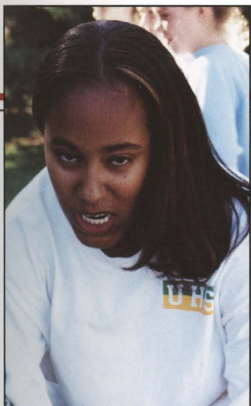
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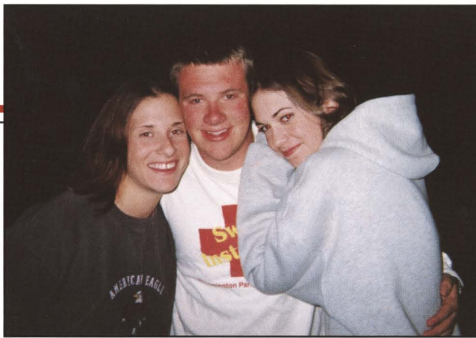
Top: Class of 2001 graduates Chris Celuch, Lindsey Campos, Paul Busick and Makayla Bruning eagerly await the presentation of their diplomas.

Middle: Junior Neal Naik looks away from the camera--and the needle in his arm--as he donates blood at the Senate-sponsored Fall Blood Drive.

Bottom: The University High School girls cheerleading squad shows why U-high athletics are "number one."



Above: Senior Kathryn Brown growls menacingly at Powder Puff practice.



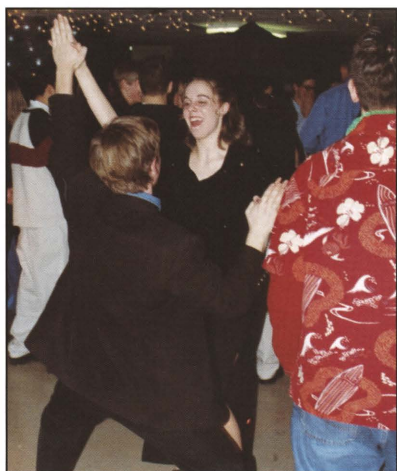
Above: Perhaps you thought the yearbook staff had too much integrity to feature themselves on the first page of the yearbook. You were wrong. Here, the editorial trifecta made up of seniors Kate Heineman, Justin Kelley and Jessica Bantham prove that they somehow remained friends throughout the year.



Above: Junior Eric Wilson contemplates the meaning of life while waiting for his cohorts at a debate tournament.



Below: Seniors Tessa Somers and Colleen Kinsella cheer on the volleyball team at Redbird. The girls' championship run brought out the school spirit in everyone.



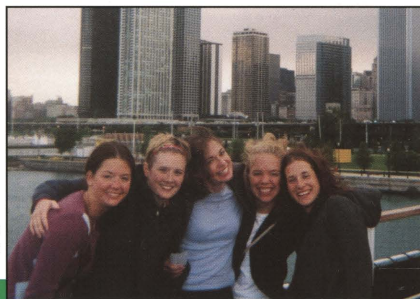
Upper Far Left: Students stand before the raging inferno known as the Homecoming Bonfire.

Lower Far Left: Baseball players gather around Coach Bee after suffering a regional loss.

Left: Junior Doug Borst and sophomore Samantha Slama demonstrate their unique moves at Winter Ball, much to the delight of on-lookers.

Looking Back on ... Student Life

Right: Meghan Reynard, Becky Skaggs, Jessica Bantam, Kahla Dean, and Katie Heineman enjoy the scenery during the senior trip.



Every year is great one in the life of a U-High student. This year, however, was an especially exceptional one. How many times in the history of U-High could the students say they cheered on the volleyball team to a state title...and the girl's basketball team, boy's golf team, and girl's golf team to state appearances? How many past U-High students can say they experienced the first-ever Winter Ball? These are just a few outstanding activities that students took advantage of in the past year, along with events that occur every year at U-High, such as Class Night and the Black Light Dance. This year was full of fun.

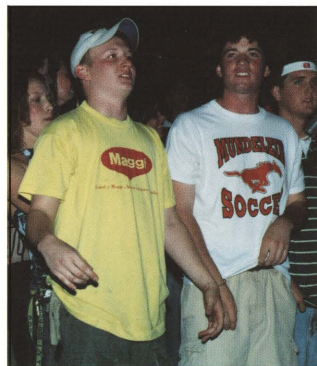
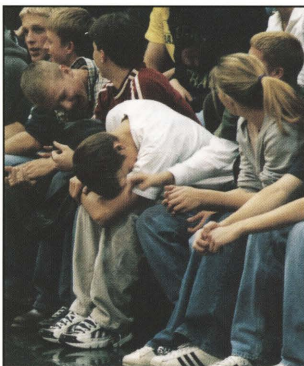
All in all, the life of a U-High student during the 2000-2001 school year was definitely a great one. With all the fun times and wonderful memories, it is one that students will be able to look back on with a smile.

Right: A group of U-High fans cheers on the volleyball team as they capture their second straight State title.

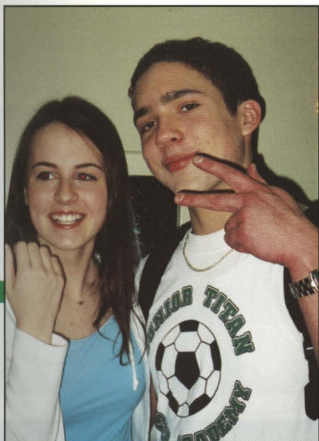


Right: Many students came to cheer on the basketball team this year.

Far Right: Michael Szarek and Jeff Whitaker enjoy their Class Night.

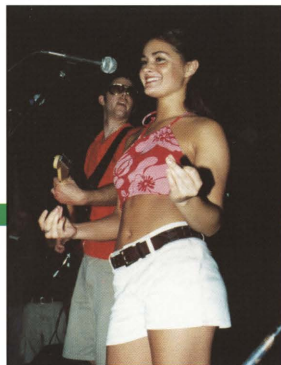


Student Life Editor: Katie Heineman
Student Life Reporters: Margaret Breitweiser, Lauren Nave,
Emily Piercy, Emily Wahlheim.



Left: Emily Piercy and Diego Baez pose in between classes.

Below: Liz Holt snaps her fingers while singing at Class Night.



Below: Allie Aageson and Justin Schilawski hang in the halls.



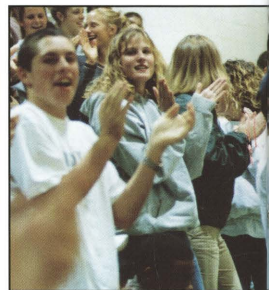
Above: Angie Labounty and Meredith Mercier stop classwork to smile for the camera.

Left: A group of Shakespeare-lovers hits Navy Pier to catch a performance of the Bard's great plays.



Left: Adam Hage, Angie Mentzer, and Margaret Breitweiser are loving every second of the bonfire.

Left: The Black Light Dance was certainly a favorite this year.



SPiRiT 2000

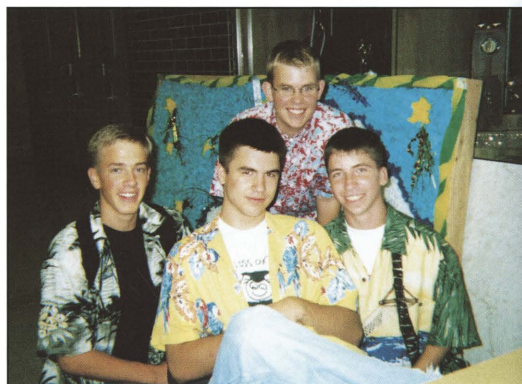
Spirit week is an enormous part of Homecoming. It is a time that allows students to show their school spirit while letting their personalities shine through in new and different ways. This year's dress-up days included Pajama Day, Decade Day, Hawaiian Day (referred to as Jimmy Buffet Day), Superhero Day, and Green & Gold Day.

The week preceding Homecoming was charged with anticipation for the game and dance. The halls were filled with people dressing up in support of their school. Some people went all out and dressed head-to-toe in seventies apparel, complete with leisure suits. Others chose a more subtle way of demonstrating spirit and wore small pieces that correlated with a day's given theme.

Superhero Day was a new dress-up day this year, and it proved to be extremely successful. Caped crusaders mingled with masked men--not to mention the favorite female feline Catwomen and her male counterpart Batman.

A pep assembly, followed by the annual bonfire, riled both the students and the football players up for the game on Friday and provided a good time for all of the kids, families, and faculty who attended. And that spirit did not go to waste. The Pioneers won the big Homecoming game on Friday against Corn Belt Conference rival Olympia.

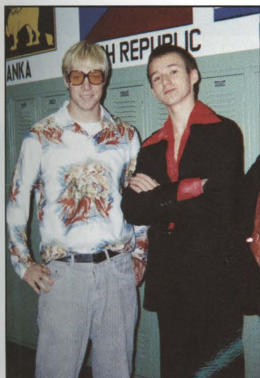
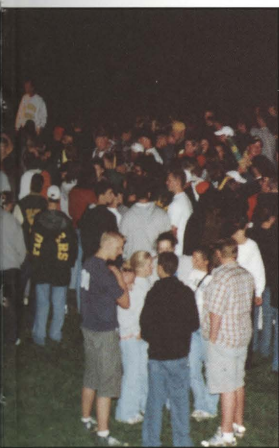
At halftime, members of the Homecoming Court were led onto the field. A great cheer went up as seniors Nick Africano and Becky Skaggs were named King and Queen for the 2000-2001 school year.



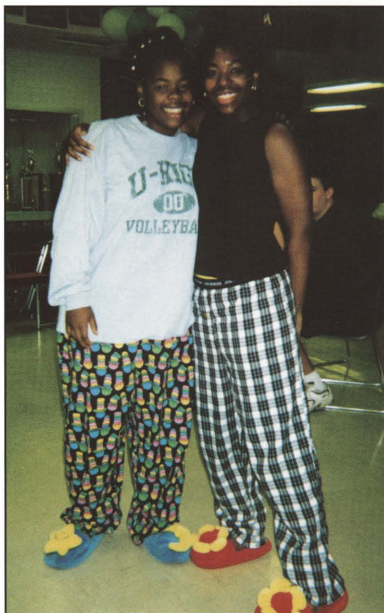
Above: Stephen Brokaw, Andy Schrag, Jeff Holbrook, and Dan Milligan sport Hawaiian wear on Hawaiian Day.



Left: The annual bonfire was a huge hit. The fire warmed the students and got everyone pumped for Friday's game.



Above: Adam Orrick and Nikita Sorokin looking mighty retro on Decade Day.



From left to right: Jamie Blass, Drue Hocker, Maggie Hoomanawanui, Erin Wahlheim, and Carrie Vesper decorated the freshmen float. The finished product received fourth place in the voting at the end of the week; Sara Kelley and Adam Hage wore matching Jimmy Buffett shirts on Jimmy Buffett/Hawaiian Day to show their love for the "Cheesburger in Paradise" king; Students gathered at the pep rally before the bonfire to show their homecoming spirit; Senior football captain Brad Schweitzer continued the tradition of throwing the spirit stick into the fire; Jennifer and Paige White show a little sisterly love on Pajama Day. Great slippers! Aren't they so cute?



Above: Seniors Holly Hedges, Stephanie Reynolds, and Katharyn Brown fought against evil on Superhero Day by wearing the costumes of their favorite caped crusaders.

HOMECOMING 2000

October 7, 2000 was an evening to remember, as members of all four classes gathered at U-High for the Homecoming Dance.

The senior senators rebounded from the previous year's disappointment, when they had pushed for a "Freefalling" theme at Junior/Senior Prom and been denied. Never ones to give up, they insisted that the popular Tom Petty song serve as the theme for Homecoming 2000 instead. Black, silver, and a variety of metallic colors adorned the darkened lounge, creating a more modern atmosphere. "The lounge looked really cool," noted senior Filipe Bessa. "It was definitely different than regular school dances."

It was a "huge success," according to Ogonna Nnamani, Student Body President. "The participation from the students was great, and the decorations were nicely done," she said.

Coronation took place at 10:00 p.m., as 1999 Homecoming King Ryan Shaw and 1999 Homecoming Queen Lacy Penn returned to Stroud to pass their crowns on to seniors Nick Africano and Becky Skaggs. The DJ then played "Colorblind" by the Counting Crows as excited couples hit the dance floor once again.

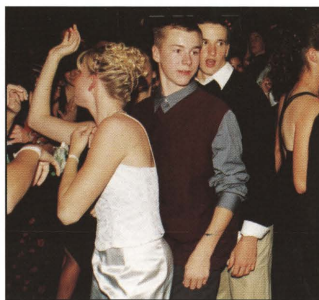
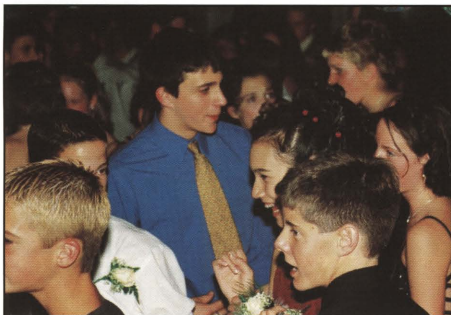


2000 HOMECOMING COURT

Above: Ryan Scritchlow, Sean LaBounty, Jeff Whitaker, John Kruse, Adam Strum, 1999 King Ryan Shaw, 2000 King Nick Africano and 2000 Queen Becky Skaggs, 1999 Queen Lacy Penn, Meghan Reynard, Jasmine Hampton, Liz Holt, Wendi Roesch, Ogonna Nnamani.



Above: Sean LaBounty and Wendi Roesch grin at each other as he presents her with flowers the night before the Homecoming Dance.





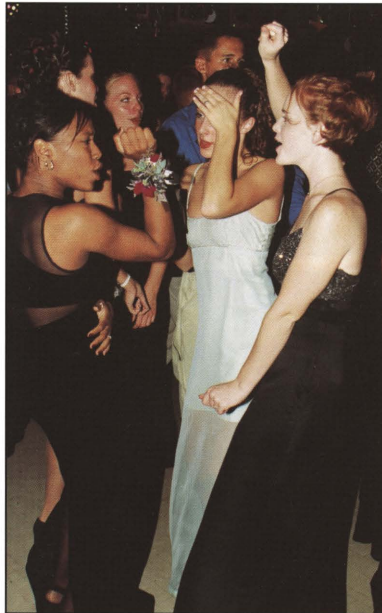
Far Left: Ryan Shaw places the crown atop Nick Africano's head as Becky Skaggs laughingly looks on.



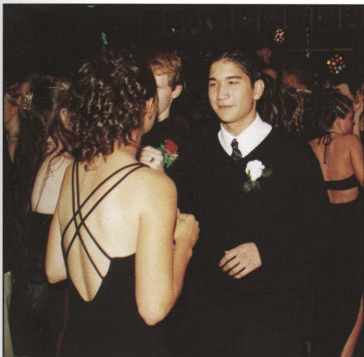
Left: Seniors Jeff Whitaker and Liz Holt meet in front of Stroud's stage to pose for parental pictures.



Above: Ryan Scritchlow wasn't going to allow a football injury prevent him from enjoying his senior Homecoming.



Left: Seniors Jasmine Hampton, Lauren Lampert, and Megyn Corbitt break it down on the dance floor.



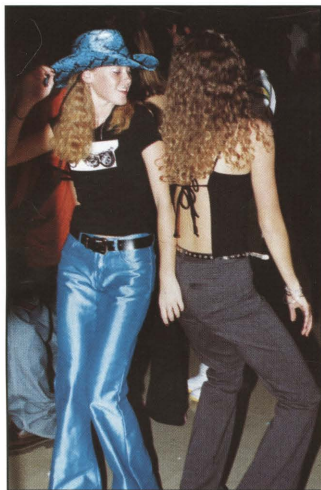
Left to right: Drue Hocker and some fellow freshmen enjoy their Homecoming experience. The first formal is always a memorable one; Juniors Zach Drew and Chase McCoy stare longingly at some unknown sight; An areal view of the dance shows everyone having a wonderful night; Senior Mike Zalzarriaga dances with his date.

Looking Forward to Dancing

This year was definitely a great year for dances at U-High. With a highly motivated and hard-working Senate organizing each one, decorations were always wonderful, and attendance at dances peaked.

Even though the Welcome Back Dance was unfortunately moved inside due to rain, it certainly didn't discourage kids from having a good time. Halloween was next and was a great time for all. Students came as Disney princesses, movie characters, ravers, and rock stars. For the second year in a row, Key Club teamed up with Senate to put on an awesome Black Light Dance, which was firmly established as a favorite among students. The lounge saw cacti and tumble weeds with a "South of the Border" TWIRP, and as usual, students celebrated Valentine's Day with a Sweetheart Dance.

Perhaps the highlight of all dances this year was the first annual Winter Ball, which raised over \$2000 for charity. Held in December, right before Christmas Break, the theme was "Snow Angels," and each class selected a court to represent them. From those courts, two winners were chosen to be part of the Royal Court. Members of the first Winter Ball Royal Court were Kahla Dean, Calvin Kaisner, Ashley Lackovich, Stephen Brokaw, Ellie Somers, Peter Meisner, Erika Holt, and Nick Chiodo.



Above: Jamie Johnston and Lauren Reeves strut their "Coyote Ugly" stuff at the Halloween dance.

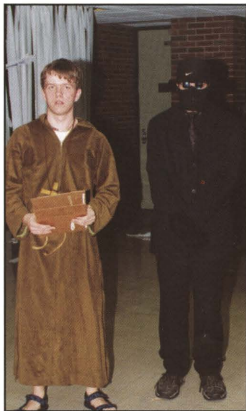


First Annual Winter Ball Royal Court: Erika Holt, Nick Chiodo, Ellie Somers, Peter Meisner, Ashley Lackovich, Stephen Brokaw, Kahla Dean, and Calvin Kaisner.

Right: Katharyn Brown and Wendi Roesch, decked out in their rave apparel, have a great time at the Halloween dance.

Far Right: Cory Yontz, Meredith Mercier, Tiffany Cox, and Allen Turner dance with their friends at the Winter Ball.





Above: A group of TWIRP-goers grin.

Above Far Left: The King and Queen of the Winter Ball, Calvin Kaisner and Kahla Dean, celebrate their victory with a dance.

Above Left: Doug Borst and Peter Lamonica receive prizes for their individual costumes at Halloween.

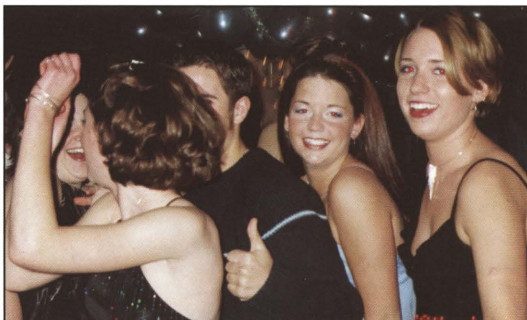


Above Left: Winners of the group costume contest smile.

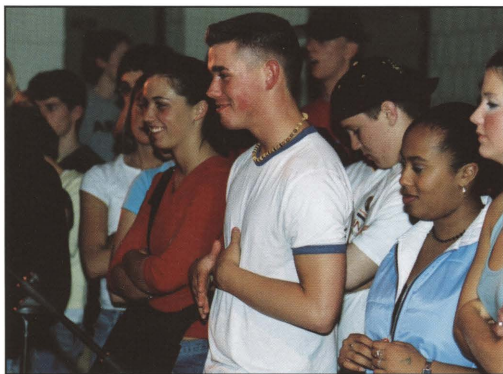
Above Right: Katie Clapper and Christine Zeibart look at the camera at the Black Light Dance.

Left: Freshmen enjoy the Winter Ball.

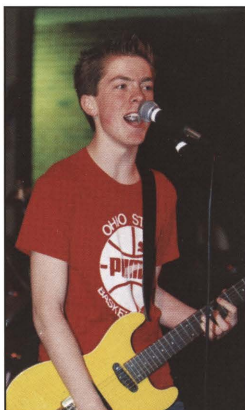
Above: Looks like everyone is having a blast at the Sweetheart Dance.



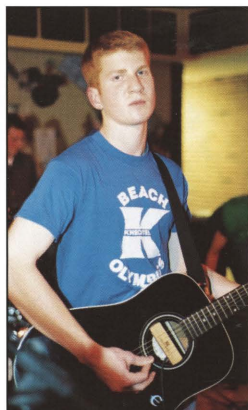
Left: Jessica Bantham, Meghan Reynard, and Annie Ginzkey have fun with an underclassman boy at Winter Ball.



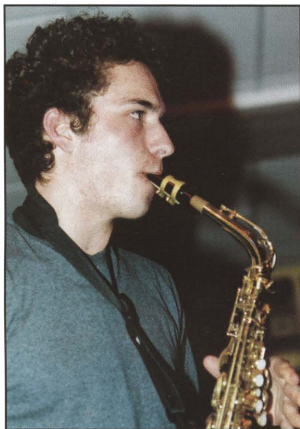
Above: Bridget Vercruysse, Chris Harding, Katharyn Brown, and Meghan Reynard came to show support for their friends.



Above Right: Freshman Luke Franks sings and plays the guitar for Vernon.

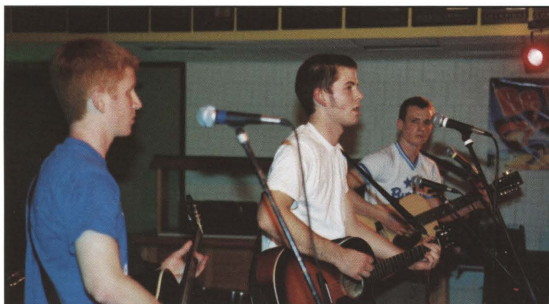


Above Far Right: Dave Milligan strums his guitar.

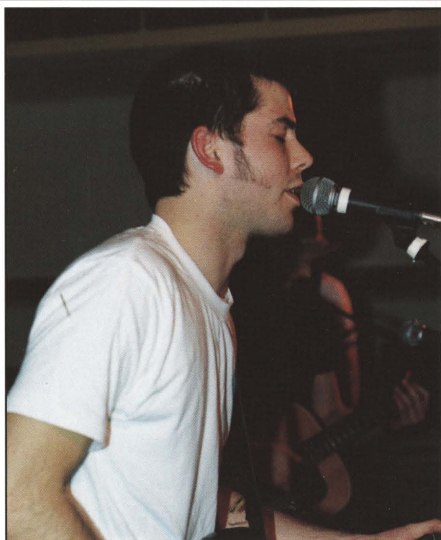


Above: U-High students came in hoards to see their favorite bands.

Left: Filipe Bessa, Pure Blue saxophonist, plays his instrument with extreme precision.



Above: Dave Milligan, Dan Hubbard, and Clayton Tarr play a great tune.
Right: Senior Dan Hubbard belts out the lyrics to an original Pure Blue song.

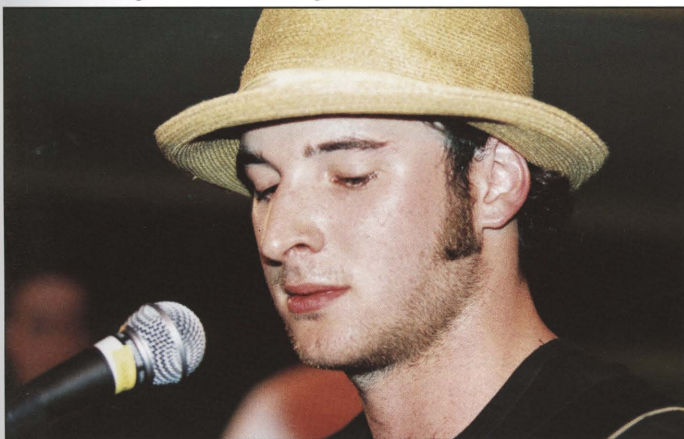


Pioneer Palooza 2001

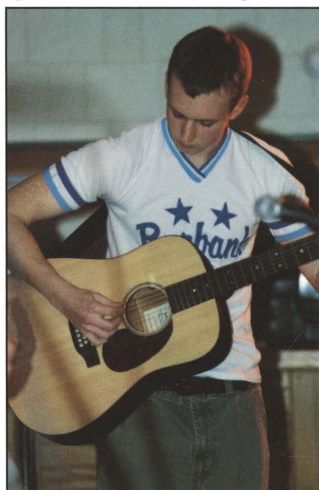
What do you get when you combine a little basketball, lots of high school students, and some good old-fashioned Rock 'n' Roll? You get Pioneer Palooza. Once again this year, the U-High Senate looked to the past and reintroduced an event that had not taken place for a few years. Back by popular demand, Palooza was definitely a success.

The night kicked off with a three-on-three basketball tournament, followed by performances by four bands made up of U-High students. Vernon, a group headed up by extremely talented freshman Luke Franks, started out the show. With a little mixture of the styles of Blink-182 and Green Day, the guys were a huge hit. Vernon was followed by Pure Blue, a more mellow group made up of lead singer and guitarist Dan Hubbard, singer and guitarist Nick Africano, saxophonist Filipe Bessa, and former U-High student and drummer Tim Kramp. These guys stole the show with their Dave Matthews Band sound. Last on the bill was Halogen Blue, a punk band that rocked the house. Vocalist and guitarist Matt Shaw belted out lyrics while David Reyes played the guitar and Neal MacCannell played the drums. Throughout the night, Clayton Tarr and David Milligan filled in with some classic covers.

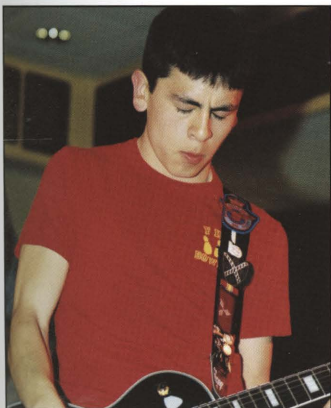
The night showcased U-High's wonderful musical talent well, and among the students, it was a huge hit.



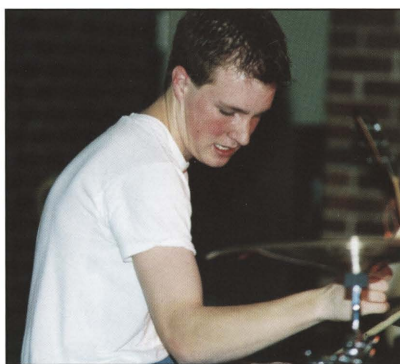
Above: Nick Africano, singer and guitarist for Pure Blue, concentrates on his music.



Above: Senior Clayton Tarr focuses on getting every chord right.



Far Left: Junior David Reyes, guitarist for Halogen Blue, plays back up on one of their songs.



Left: Neal MacCannell, the drummer for Halogen Blue, drums away flawlessly.

Prom/After Prom 2001

Waterfalls

The Lafayette Club was the setting for U-High's Junior/Senior Prom, held on April 28, 2001. Happy couples gathered first in U-High's lounge for the Grand March, which commenced in Stroud at 4:30 p.m. Most then went out to dinner and had pictures taken before heading to Prom.

The theme this year was Waterfalls, and the chosen colors were light blue, purple and silver. Coronation took place at 10:00, when seniors Sean LaBounty and Wendi Roesch were crowned 2001 Prom King and Queen. The rest of the court, consisting of Kahla Dean, Liz Holt, Meghan Reynard, Becky Skaggs, Chelsea Yontz, Nick Africano, Filipe Bessa, Dan Hubbard, Ryan Scritchlow and Ken Temi, then hit the dance floor as the DJ played R.E.M.'s "Night Swimming." Soon, the rest of the excited couples joined them.

After Prom was again held at U-High, and Booster parents did their best to bring the theme "Tropical Paradise" to life in the hallways, lounge and gym. This year was a bit different, as the traditionally long event was shortened by an hour and ended at 3:00 a.m., but sumo wrestling, karaoke, caricature drawings, gambling and the auction were still options for after-prom goers.



Above: Seniors Stacey Moews and Lyndsey Milligan get their groove on on the dance floor. Looks like you girls are having a blast!



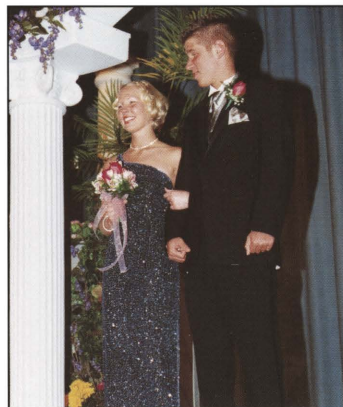
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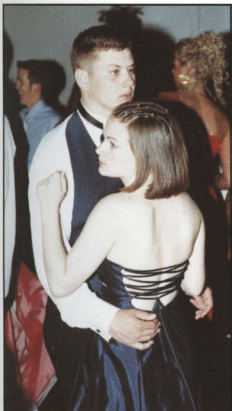
Kahla Dean, Ken Temi, Meghan Reynard, Nick Africano, Becky Skaggs, Filipe Bessa, Wendi Roesch, Sean LaBounty, Chelsea Yontz, Ryan Scritchlow, Liz Holt, and Dan Hubbard.

Right: Molly Hage, Beth Meier, and Emily Meier bust a move to some great tunes.

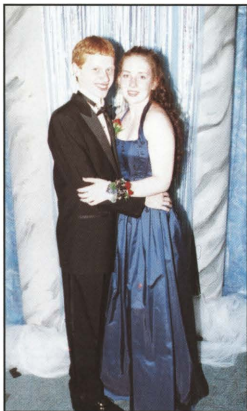


Far Right: Sara Kelley and Michael Smith strut their stuff at the Grand March. Looking good, guys!

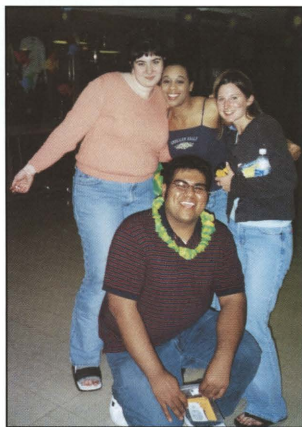




Far Left: Senior couple Heath Brandon and Lauren Nave make some memories while slow dancing together at their senior prom.



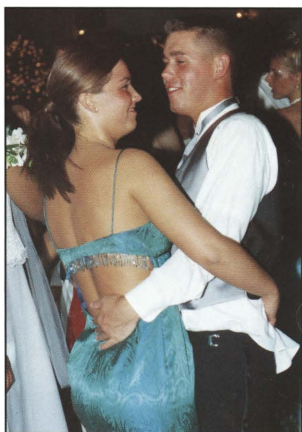
Left: Adam Bonjour and Kelsi Kerns pose for their picture so they can remember this night forever.



Right: Seniors Jill Cooper, Jasmine Hunt, Erin Wiese, and Danny Almanza take time out of their fun at After Prom to get a photo together.



Below: Bridget Vercruysse and Chris Harding look into each others' eyes while they dance.



Above: The close-knit senior girls grab their traditional formal dance picture together, except this time, it will be their last one.

Left: It's everyone's favorite prom king and queen: Wendi Roesch and Sean LaBounty.



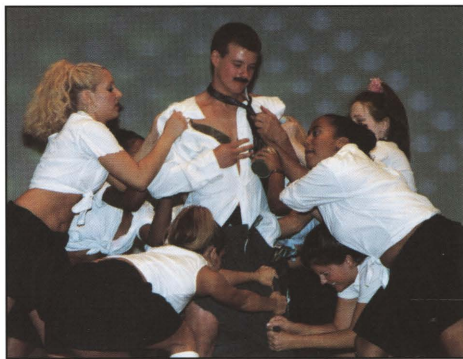
Above: Erin Wiese and Danny Almanza sit down and take a breather at After Prom.

Class Night 2001

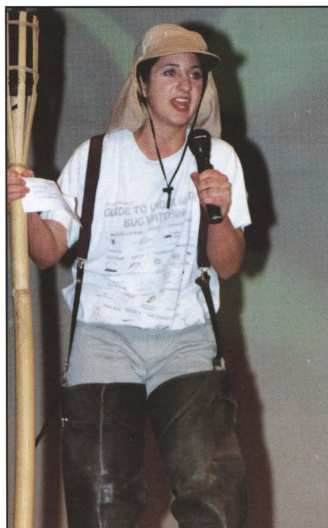
As the end of the year draws near, there are many things that the students look forward to: no one can wait to be done with classes and teachers, of course, and everybody is just dying to see what the seniors have cooked up for Class Night.

After many hours of script writing, meetings with the administration, set and costume design, video filming, and hectic last-minute rehearsals, the show was finally ready. From start to finish, the seniors had the auditorium filled with laughter and cheers. Skits like Jeopardy, Survivor, and Couple's Corner made for some great laughs, and the "U-High Rocks" and "Army of One" videos were awesome. The band that played this year was headed up by Dan Hubbard, and also included Nick Africano, Clayton Tarr, and Mike Kruse. They really pumped up the crowd with songs like "Joker", "Mr. Jones", and "I Think We're Alone Now." Throughout the night, there was also a fashion show, which featured many U-High students and teachers, a few lounge scenes, some of the infamous senior wills, and perhaps the most crowd appealing skit--the Britney Spears dancers.

When all was said and done, Class Night 2001 was an unforgettable night for the whole school, but especially for the seniors, who will never forget their last Class Night at U-High.

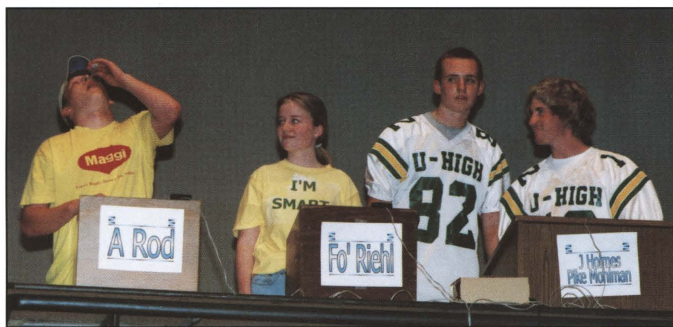


Above: The Britney Spears dancers rip the suit off of Sean LaBounty (a.k.a Mr. Ducett) to reveal his matching Catholic school girl's uniform.

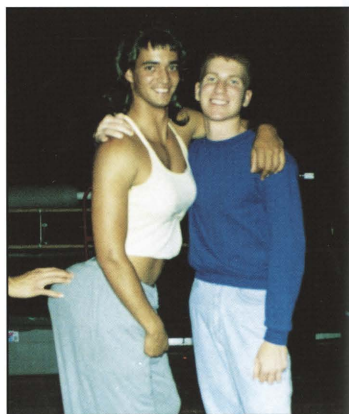


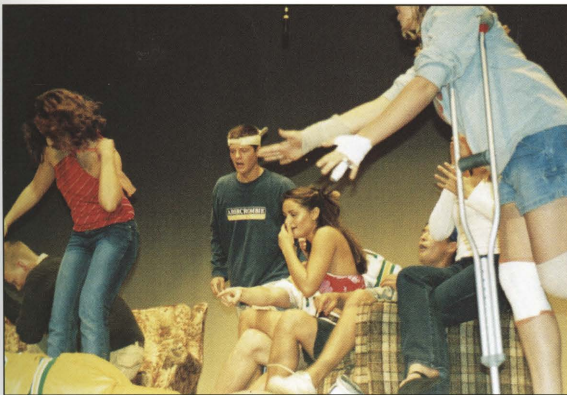
Left: Liz Vivirito posed as Mr. Petty in the Survivor skit, which she won and donated all the prize money to "the bugs."

Below: Adam Roediger and David Milligan get ready to play other U-High students in the lounge scene.



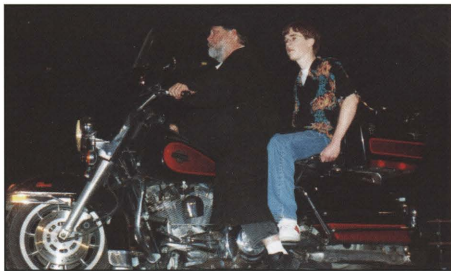
Above: Michael Szarek, Tessa Somers, Clayton Tarr, and Jeff Whitaker try their best to get all the answers correct in the Jeopardy skit.





Above: Chaos breaks out during the Couple's Corner skit, which was one of the night's hits.

Below: Chris Spong and Kahla Dean get a little friendly at the end of the Couple's Corner skit. Was that in the script, guys?



Above: Matt Iodice enters the stage on Mr. Kinsella's Harley to begin the show.

Below: B.J. Farmer and his fellow seniors raise their lighters in the air while the band plays.



Below: Liz Holt sings the words to that all-time classic Counting Crows tune, "Mr. Jones."





Above: Adam Strum, Katharyn Brown, and Dan Hubbard smile after receiving their B.M.O.C. and B.W.O.C t-shirts.



Above: A group of senior boys sits down to eat.



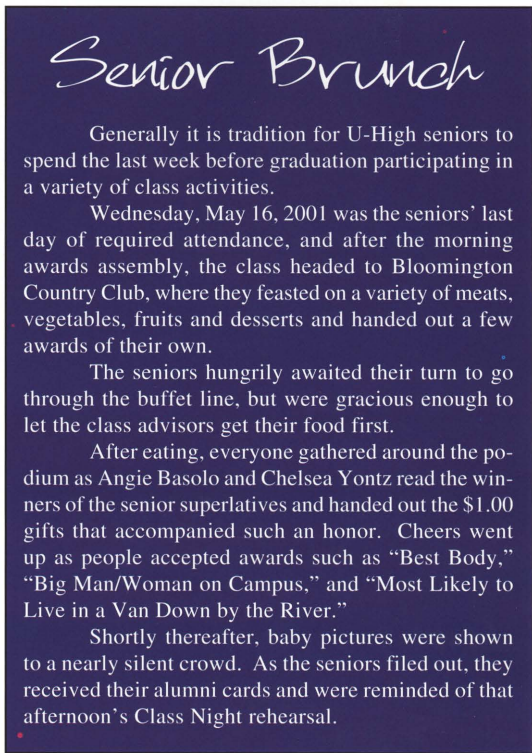
Below: Lyndsey Milligan and Molly Hage pose for the camera while getting their yummy food.



Above: Nick Africano, Drew Heissler, and John Kruse get ready to feast.



Left: Jasmine Hampton, Angie Basolo, Paige White, Katharyn Brown, Liz Holt, Annie Ginzkey, Wendy Roesch, and Lindsey Campos enjoy one of their last activities as a senior class.



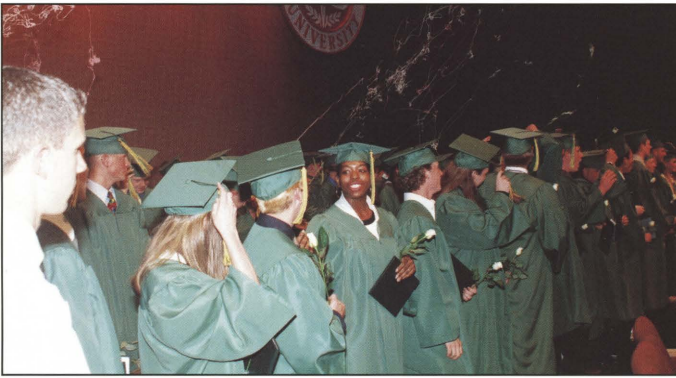
Upper Left: Kahla Dean and Ryan Rappa hug after receiving "Most Likely to Succeed." Don't let us down, guys!

Lower Left: Matt Allen and Erin Mizer receive their award for "Most Likely to be on 'Springer.'"

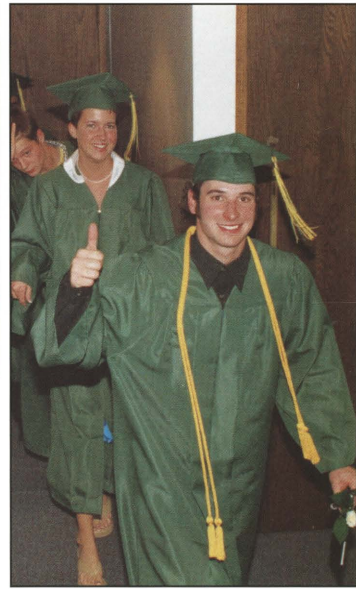


Below: Colleen Kinsella, Lindsay Kaupp, Ryan Rappa, Chris Johnson, John Shea, Luke Durbin, Ken Temi, and Tessa Somers get a picture to remember the day.





Above: The senior class celebrates after they have all received their high school diplomas.



Above: Nick Africano gives the big thumbs up to show his excitement.

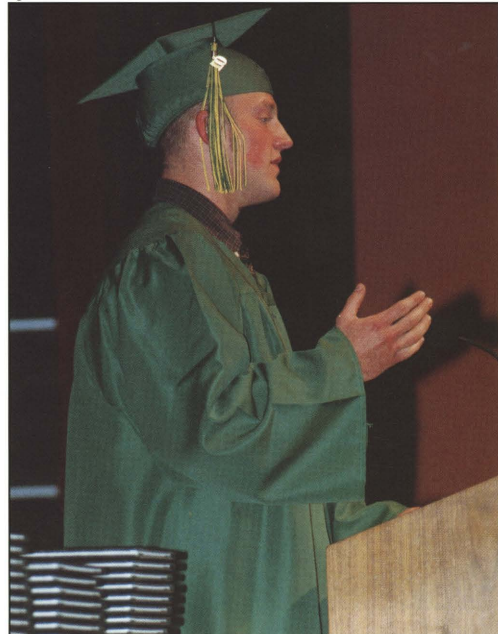
Graduation: A Night of Looking Back

As freshmen in high school, graduation seems so far away. But before you know it, you are a graduating senior, walking across the stage of Braden Auditorium in a cap and gown to receive your diploma.

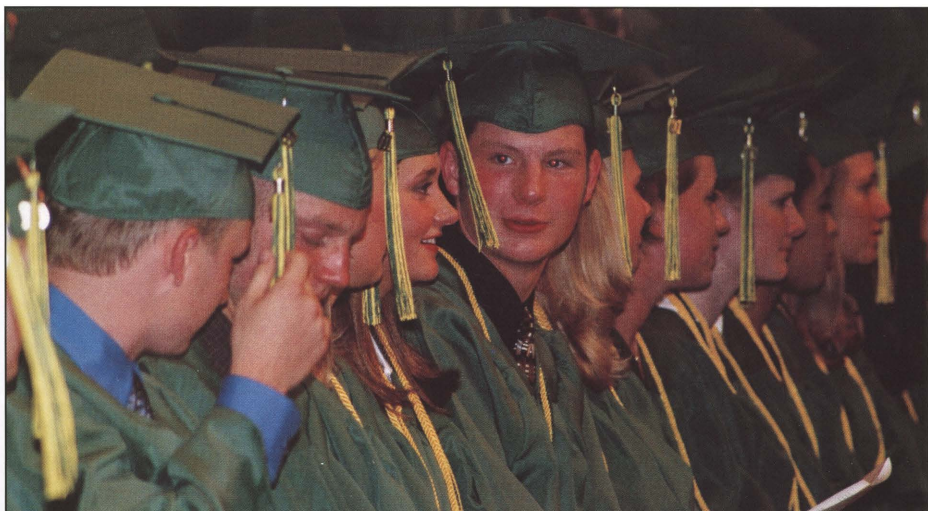
This year's senior class, as most other graduating classes, seemed to be in shock as they sat on stage and witnessed their graduation ceremony. One would think that a class filled with students attending top-notch universities across the nation--Stanford, Harvard, and Wellesley, just to name a few--would be filled with confidence in their futures and know exactly what they were looking for in their lives. Contrary to popular belief, however, the night was not filled with motivational speeches about where everyone would go and what they would accomplish; instead, the speakers reflected upon the amazing achievements of the class during the last four years, and all the memories that they would cherish.

It's hard to put into words what the end of a large chapter in one's life is like, and it's even harder to say good-bye to that chapter and move on to the next. The Class of 2001 was an extremely close-knit class, and they accomplished much together. Now it's time for them to go out and see what they can accomplish on their own during the next chapter of their lives.

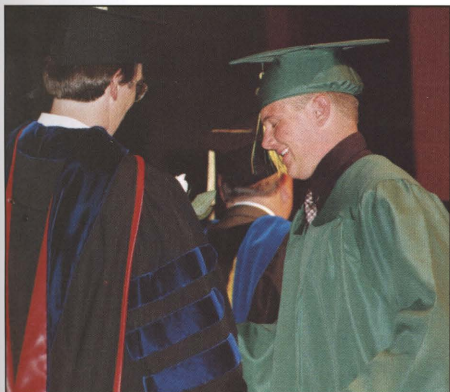
Below: Ryan Scritchlow makes everyone teary-eyed during his speech.



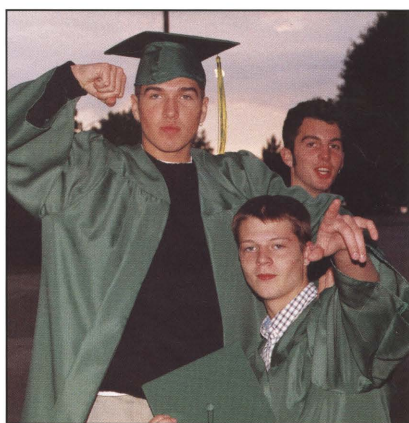
Right: The front row of seniors enjoys the ceremony as they attempt to converse discreetly.



Below: Justin Kelley graciously thanks an administrator after receiving his diploma.



Right: Travis Cumpston, Ryan Singer, and Matt Allen show their enthusiasm before the big ceremony.



Below Left: Kahla Dean and Liz Vivirito congratulate each other.



Below Right: Eric Eddington and Cally Eckols give one last smile as high school students.



"When I was born they looked at me and said, What a good boy, What a smart

Seniors

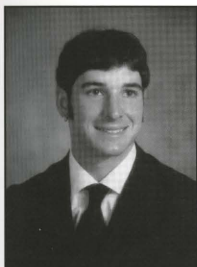
Senior year is a landmark in every teen's life. It is a time when the seniors begin to hear their **futures** calling them. They face the challenge of **breaking free** and moving forward, all the while clinging to the **friendships** and **memories** of their youth. It is a **bittersweet** close to a chapter of their lives.

Senior year is also a time to bond as a class amid the rush of **college** applications and general **stress**. Senior brunch, Class Night, **graduation** and other activities gave the class a chance to make some final memories to be sure that when all is said and done, the **Class of 2001** will be **looking forward to looking back**.



Megan Ferguson, Ryan Comfort, Molly Hage, Erik Eddington, Holly Hedges, Danny Almanza, Tom Watson and Lyndsey Milligan take a break from the action during their trip to Navy Pier. The English classes went to see a performance at the Shakespeare Theatre.

boy, what a strong boy.' And when you were born they looked at you and said,



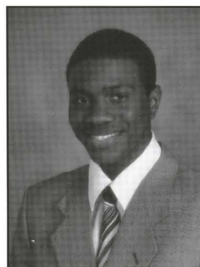
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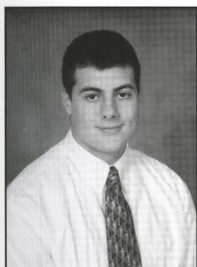
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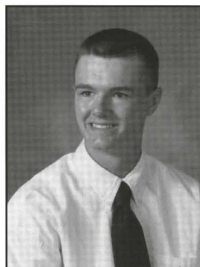
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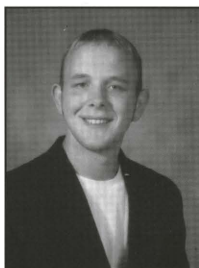
Joshua A. Becker



Laura N. Berglund



Susan C. Bobbitt



Robbie A. Boddy



Kirsten L. Bogue



Adam R. Bonjour

What a good girl, what a smart girl, what a pretty girl...Afraid of change,



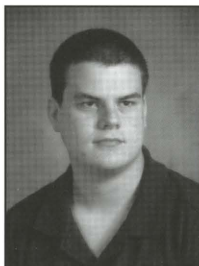
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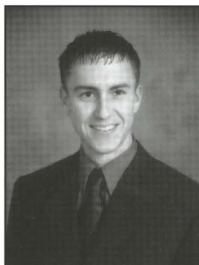
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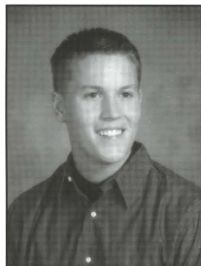
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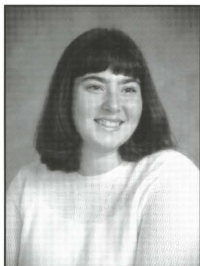
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Ryan Comfort



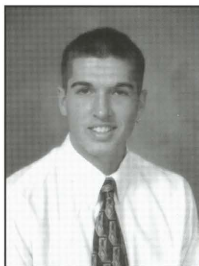
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Jillian N. Cooper



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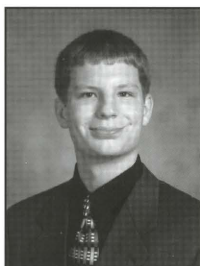
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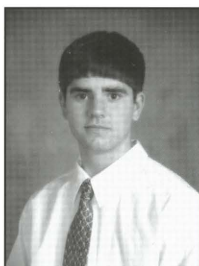
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Kahla E. Dean



Luke M. Durbin



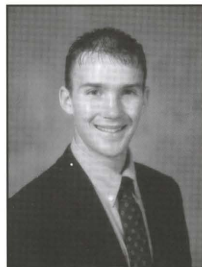
David S. Dwyer

afraid of staying the same. When temptation calls we just look away..."

-Bereaved Ladies



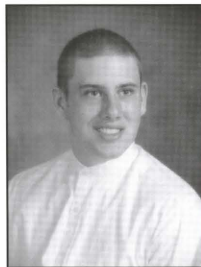
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Erik J. Eddington



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Megan N. Ferguson



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Katharine M. Flynn



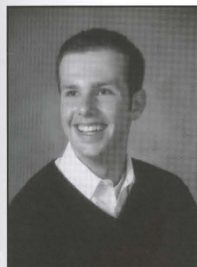
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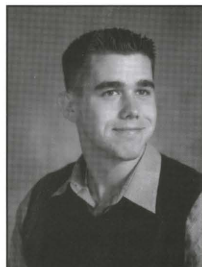
Jason B. Goldfarb



Molly N. Hage



Jasmine K. Hampton



Christopher P. Harding

"I can't remember all the times I tried to tell myself to

LOOKING FORWARD:

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS?

"Probably still at
ISU."

-Angie Mentzer

"Running through
the desert in
India."

-John Kruse

"Either **MTV**
or State
Farm."

-Dan Hubbard

"I'll be a
doctor, but I
wish I could
be a rock
star."

-Dave Milligan

"Makin' movies, man."

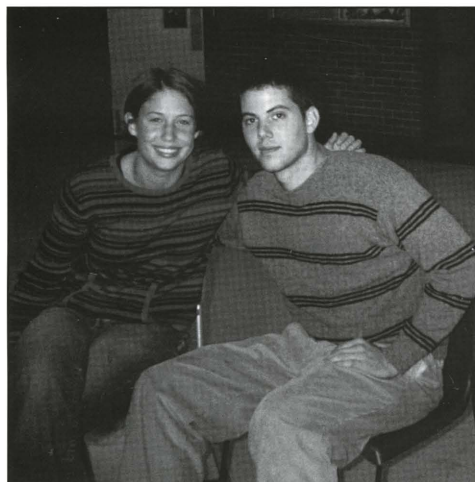
-B.J. Farmer

*"Anywhere but
Bloomington."*

-Liz Avinilo

"**UPS** Man."

-Adam Strum



Above: Buds Erin Mizer and Dan Hubbard hang in the lounge. They courageously protected the Senior couches from the siege of underclassmen attempting to sit there.



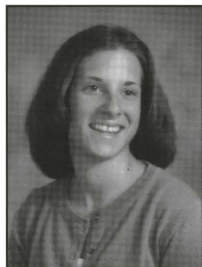
Above: Josh Becker, Jordan Martens, Matt Allen, David Dwyer and Jordan Lyle skulk around the P.E. doors after lunch. Don't worry, Matt; you'll be able to participate again soon.

hold on to these moments as they pass."

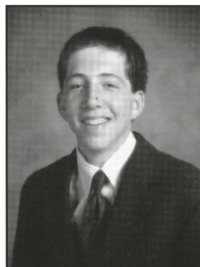
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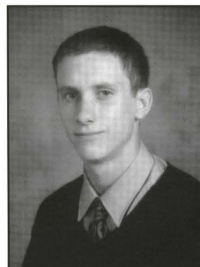
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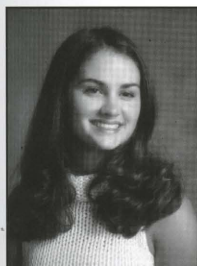
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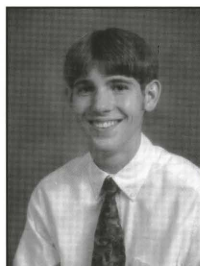
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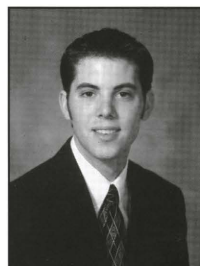
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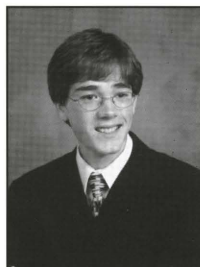
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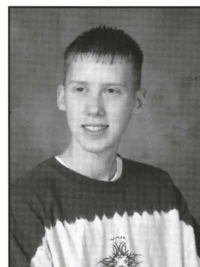
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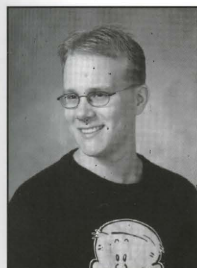
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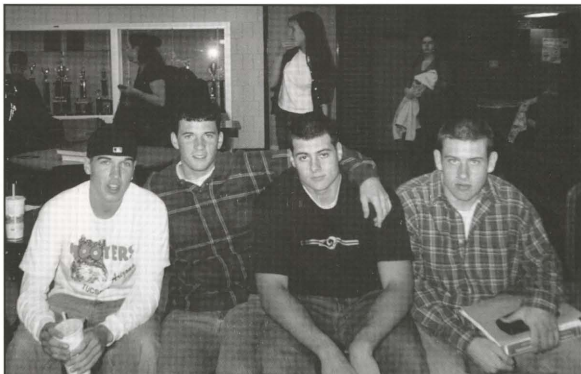
"Live and learn, well, the years they flew, and we never knew. We were foolish then. We would never tire,

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Left: Jasmine Hampton gathers with Lindsey Campos, Katie Flynn, Meghan Reynard, and Paige White as the girls show off their pajamas for Spirit Week.

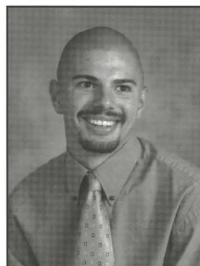
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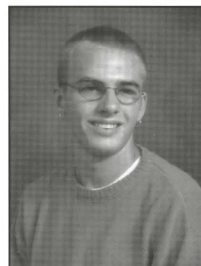
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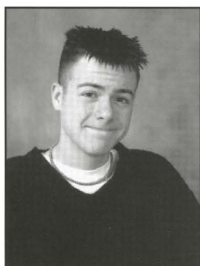
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John E. Kruse



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and that little fire is still alive in me. It will never go away. Can't say goodbye to yesterday.'

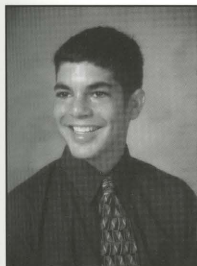
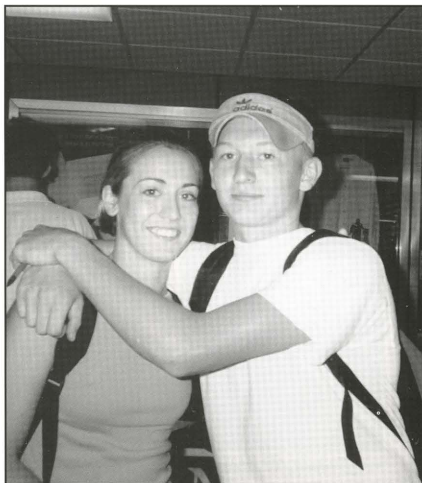
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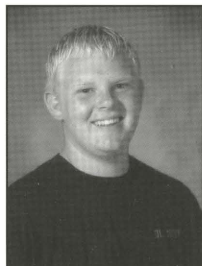


Above: It's U-High's most productive math class! Megyn Corbitt, Katie Heineman, Ryan Comfort, Jessica Bantham, Stephanie Reynolds, Margaret Breitweiser and Filipe Bessa say, "We love A.P. Stats!"

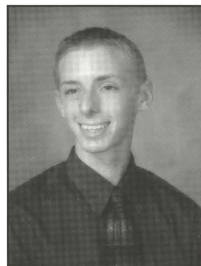
Right: Angie Baird and Mike Szarek take a moment out of their five-minute passing period to show their affection for one another.



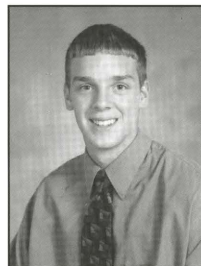
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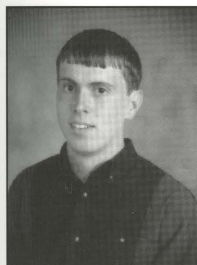
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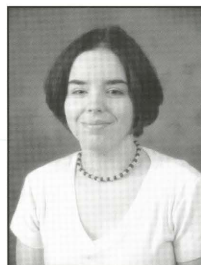
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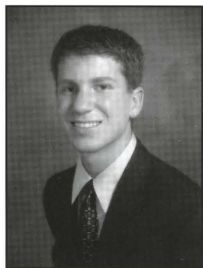
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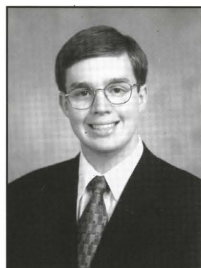
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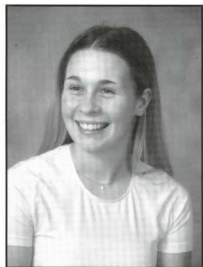
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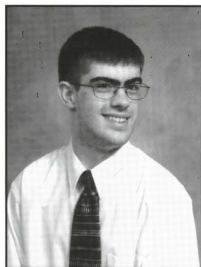
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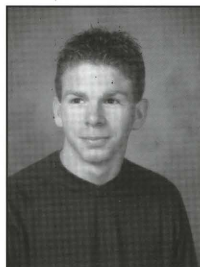
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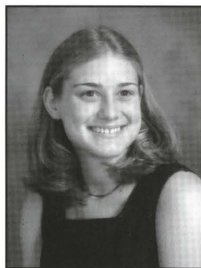
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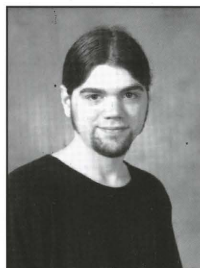
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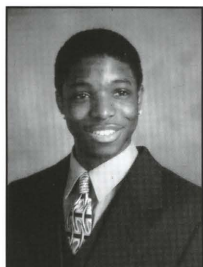
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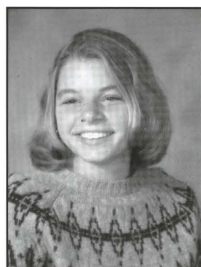
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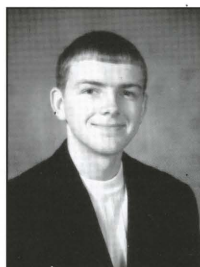
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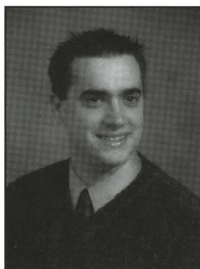
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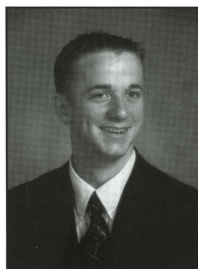
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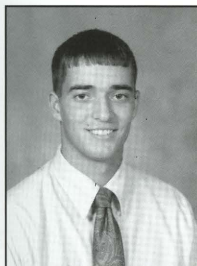
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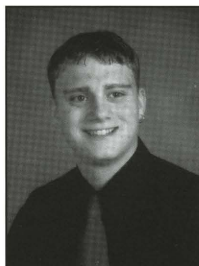
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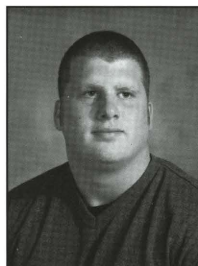
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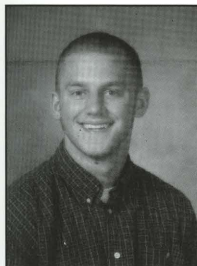
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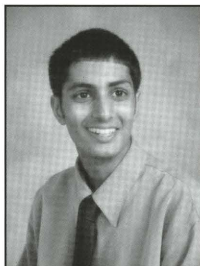
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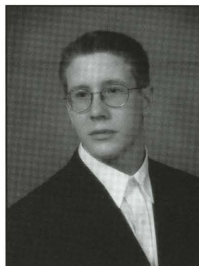
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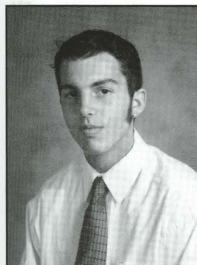
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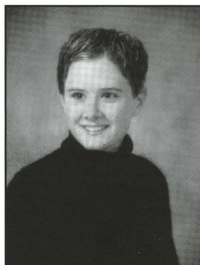
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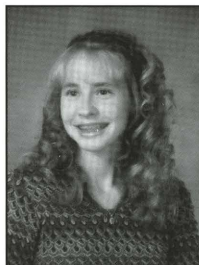
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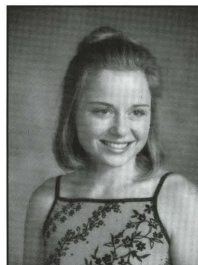
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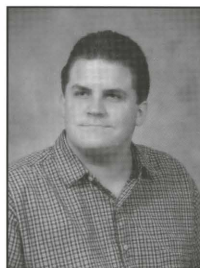


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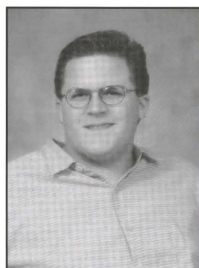
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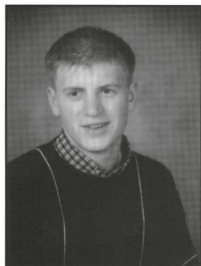
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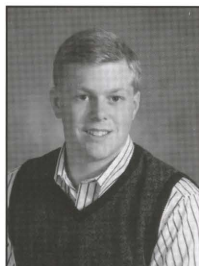
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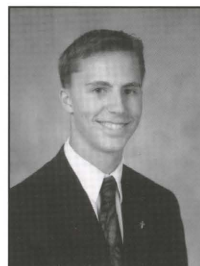
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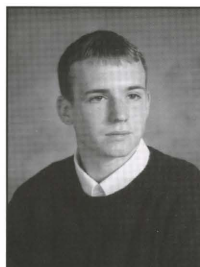
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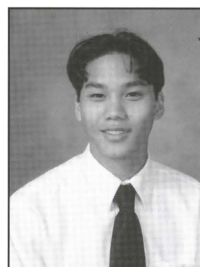
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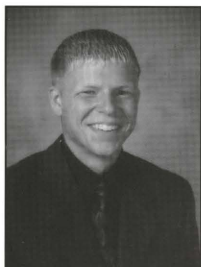
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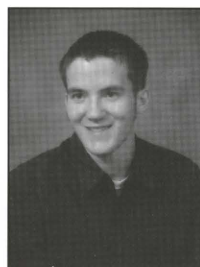
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Looking Back... Whats One Thing You Will Remember About U-High?

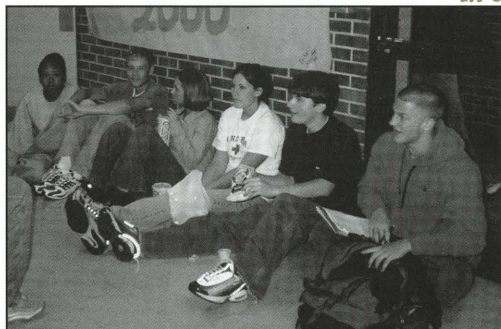
"The heater is on in the spring and the AC is on in the winter."
-Ashish Shah

"National Athlete Days, with free Gatorade in the lounge."
-Meghan Reynard

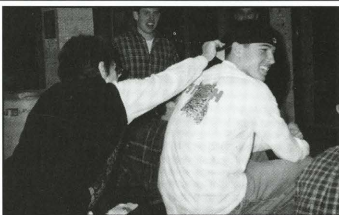
"The loving community atmosphere, where everyone feels like one big family."
-Jasmine Hunt

"The fine food by ISU dining services with reasonable prices."
-Ken Temi

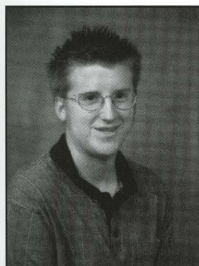
"How cold Stroud is."
-Lindsey Campos



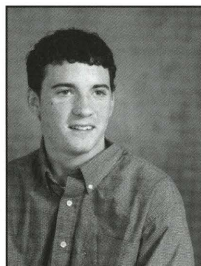
Above: Jasmine Hampton, Sean LaBounty, Katie Flynn, Amy Gannaway, Joey Zimmerman and Ryan Scritchlow stake their claim in the lounge.
Right: Mrs. Kaiser gently reminds Travis that tabletops are for eating, not for sitting.



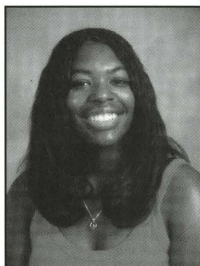
There are 146 students in the Class of 2001--76 boys and 70 girls



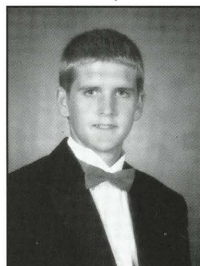
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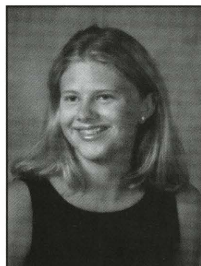
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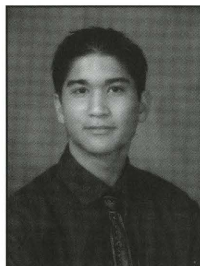
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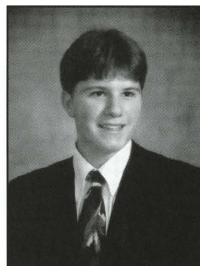
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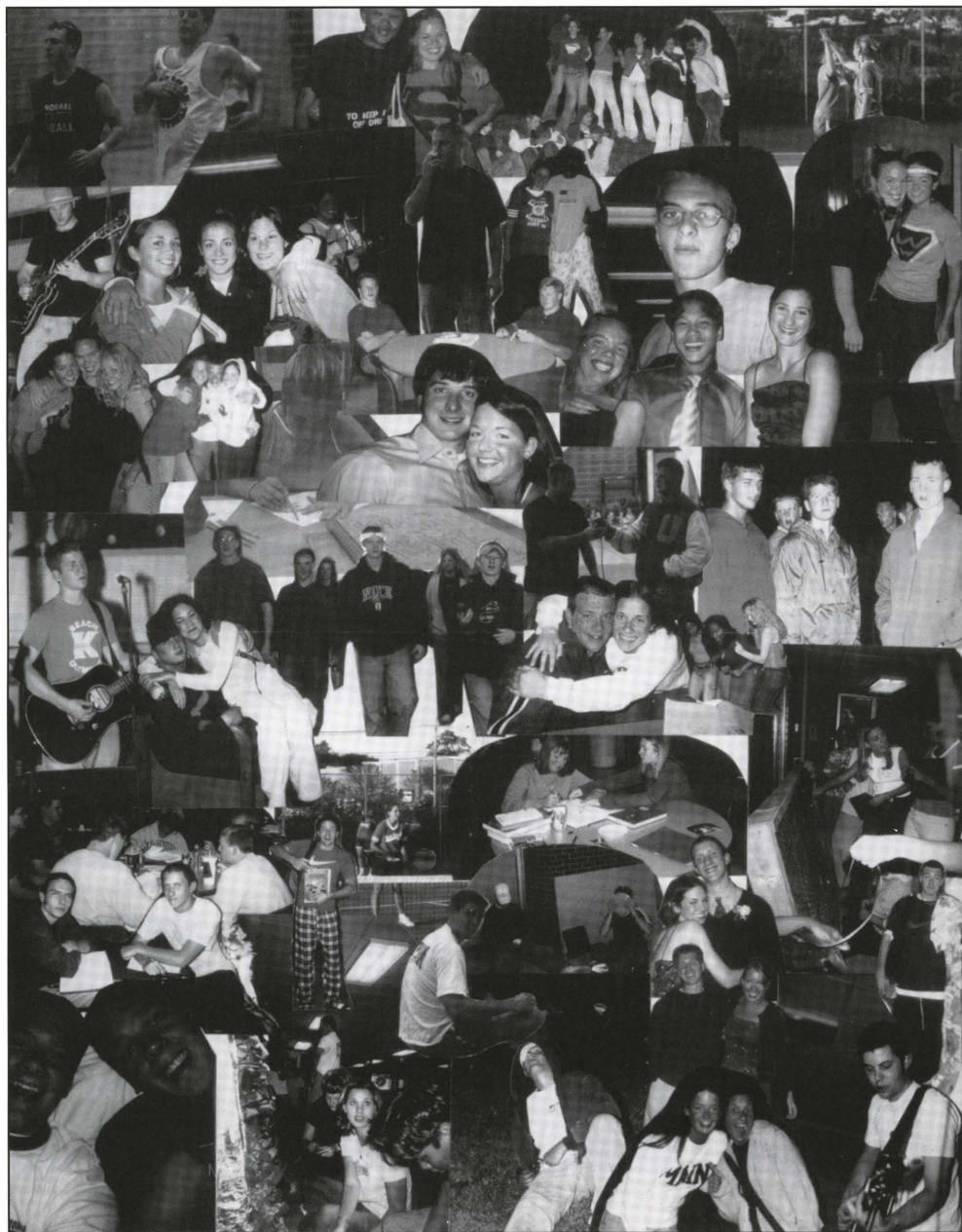


Michael P. Zaldrriaga



Joseph D. Zimmerman

"And there is always one last light to turn out and one last bell to ring..."





Congratulations Class of 2001!

Not Pictured

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Filipe Bessa

Paul Busick

Julie Grubor

Sean Labounty

Stacey Mays

Stephanie Reynolds

Bethany Ruboi

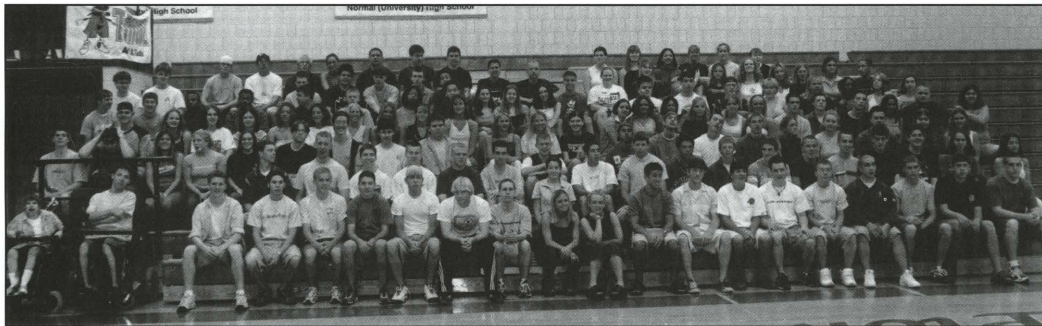
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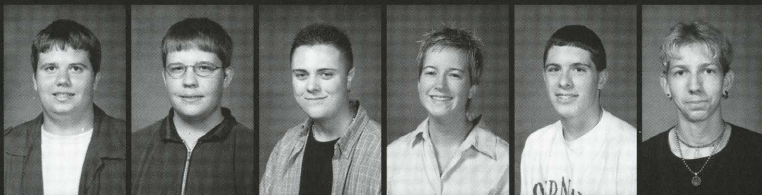
JUNIORS

The 2000-2001 school year saw a change for the members of the Class of 2002. This change was evident as they made the long walk down the hill from the junior lot; they were finally upperclassmen.

Along with being upperclassmen, the Class of 2002 had to meet new responsibilities and challenges. Some of the challenges included harder classes and standardized tests such as the ACT. Thinking about college may have dampened their spirits for awhile, but, as always, the Class of 2002 came through and met these challenges. Junior year provided them with many memories and unforgettable moments, but most importantly, it made everyone ready to look forward to the future...and the senior lot.



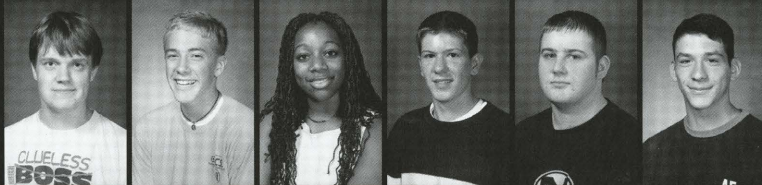
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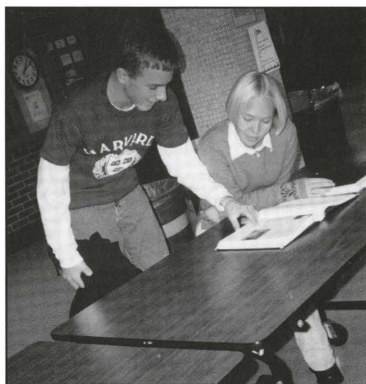
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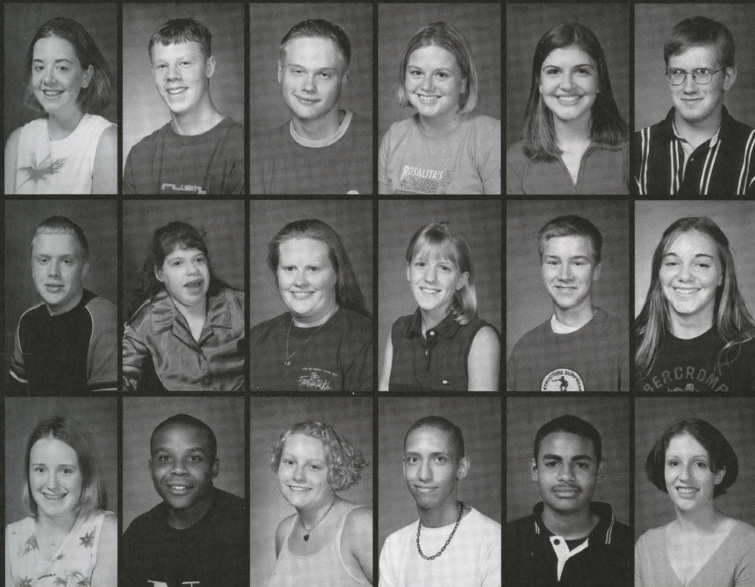
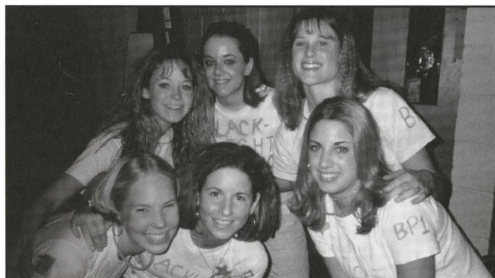


Above: Tiana Nevius carries a thrilled Amy Huette through the crowded hallway during a passing period. Don't drop her, Tiana!

Right: Stephen Brokaw struggles to keep a straight face as he helps Sara Kelley with some tough homework problems in the lounge.



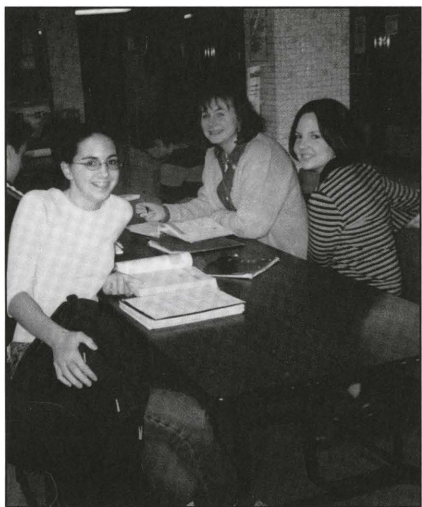
Right: Sara Kelley, Emily Wahlheim, Christine Ziebart, Jaimee Johnston, Katie Clapper and Abbey Graves get decked out for the January Blacklight Dance.



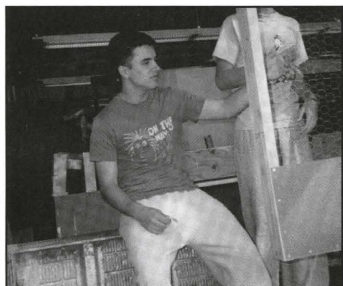
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Zachary Drew
Savannah Duke

Amanda Elliott
Willie Feagin
Julie Fisher
David Foster
Marques Fulford
Angela Fulton



Above: Ali Wells, Caroline Pryor, and Leah VanGoethem take a break from studying during their free hour.



Above: Andy Schrag brainstorms some creative ideas for the junior class Homecoming float.

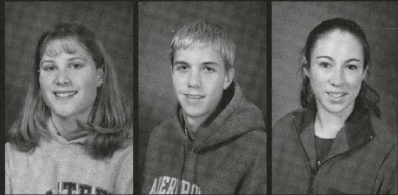


Above: Zach Ploense confers with Sammi Cottone between classes. Move along, kids!

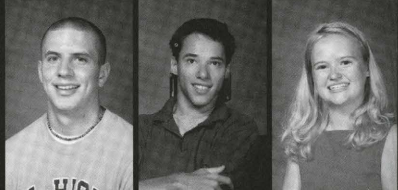
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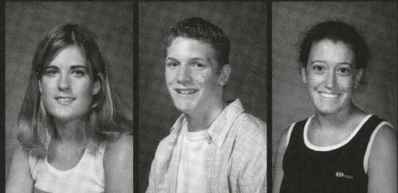
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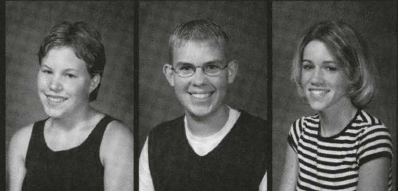
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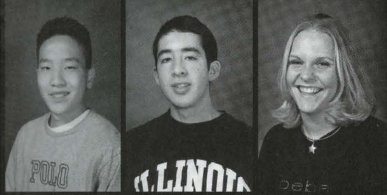


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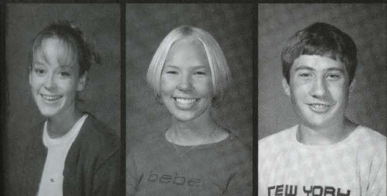




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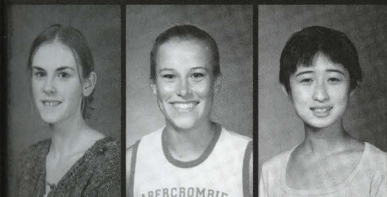
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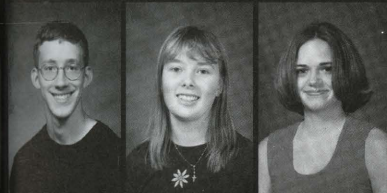
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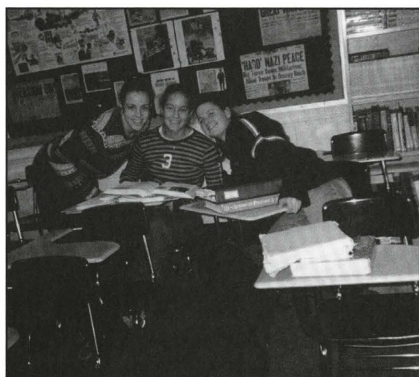
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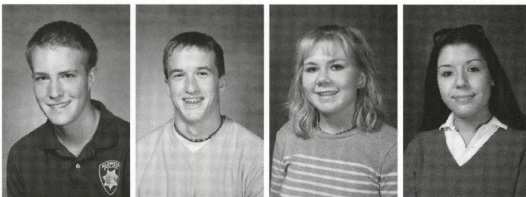


Above: Adam Orrick diligently attends to the making of the junior class float as Matt Shaw looks on. Their hard work paid off, as the float was awesome.

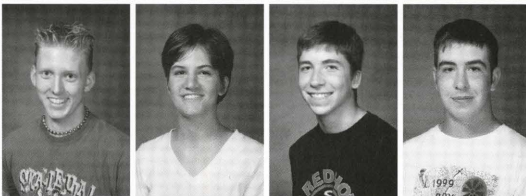


Above: Ann Taulbee, Rachel Pridgeon, and Becca Reeser take a time-out from AP U.S. History. "APUSH rules!" their smiles seem to say.

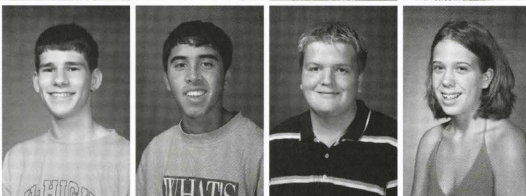
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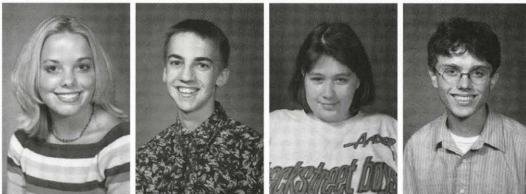
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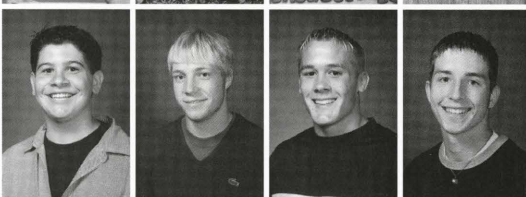
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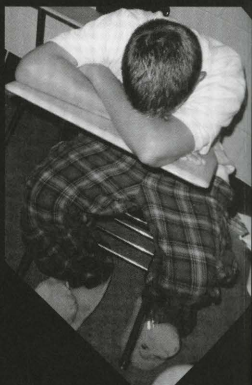
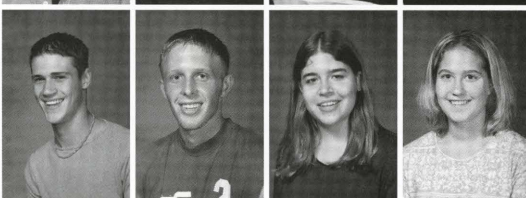
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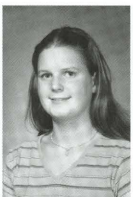
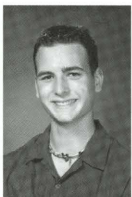
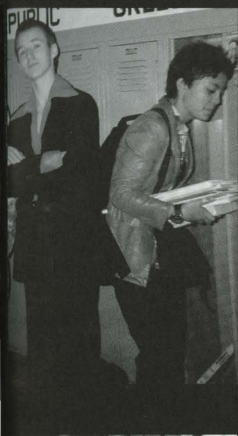
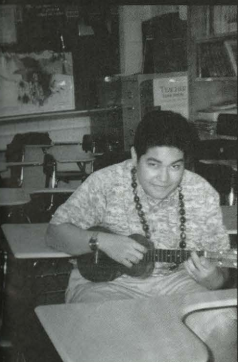


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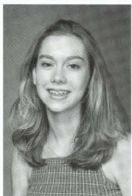
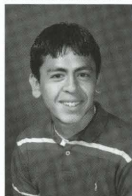


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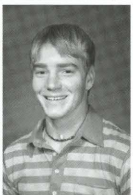
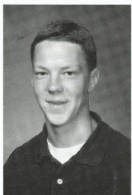




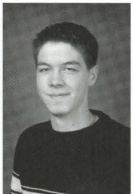
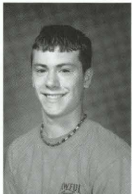
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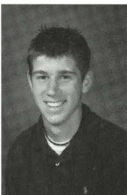
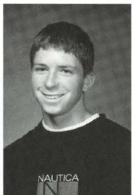
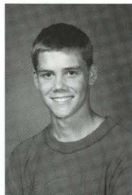
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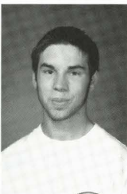
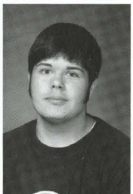
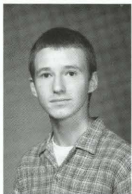
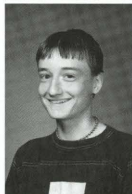
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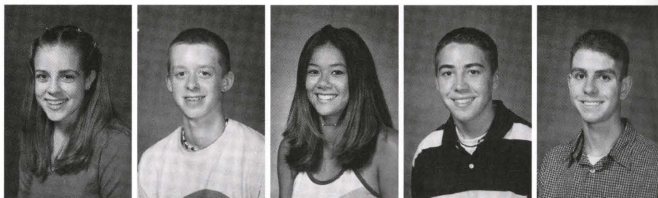
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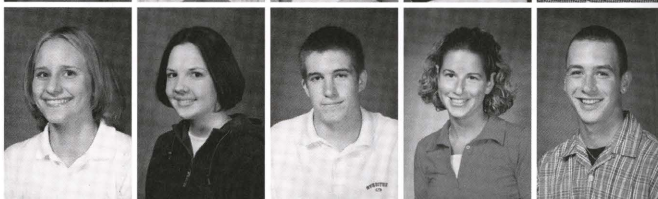
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Class of 2002

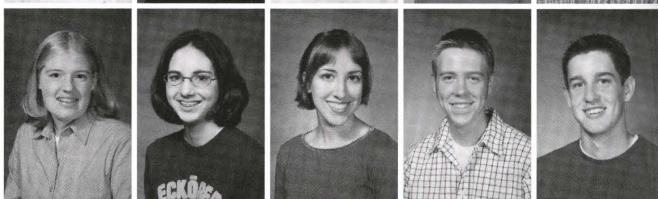
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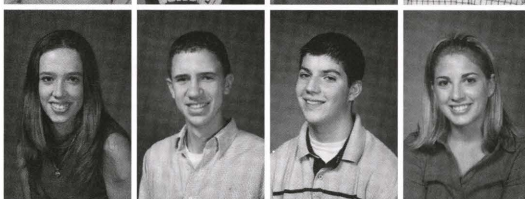
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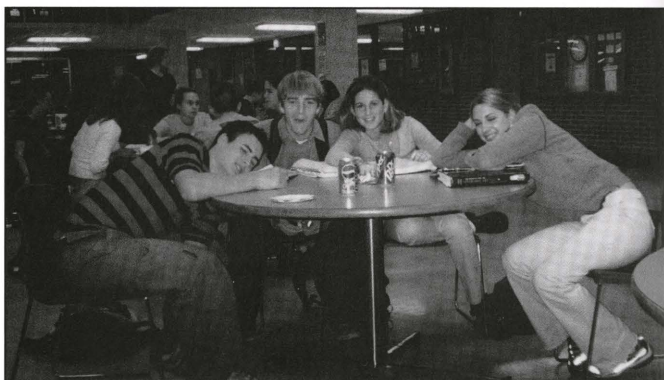
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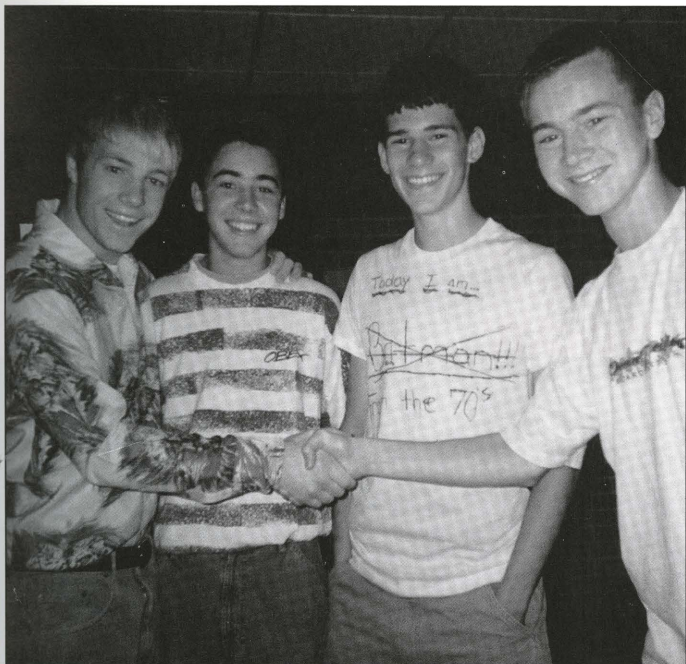


Emily Williams
Eric Wilson
Brian Wright
Christine Ziebart



Right: Jonah Pryor, Craig Rohren, Emily Wahlheim, and Christine Ziebart hang out in the lounge during their 10:00 free hour. Obviously, the stress of the day has gotten to Jonah and Christine as they snooze on the table.





NOT PICTURED

Justin Arnold
 Leo Buchignani III
 Brandon Burnett
 Anne Butts
 Alexander Dean
 Nicki Mitchell-Oshinski
 Matt Mohrman
 Andrew Schrag
 Jan Vandenbossche
 Bridget Veronysse
 Drew Watson
 Benjamin Witte
 Dmitri Zinoviev

Left: Adam Orrick, Justin Trana, Shahin Murray, and Zach Drew display their school spirit the week before Homecoming. They certainly look handsome.

Favorite Memory from Junior Year

"Hanging out with the 10:00 crew, eating bagels and drinking Wild Cherry Pepsi"
 Michael Smith

"GETTING MY CAR TOWED TWICE,"

LAUREN REEVES

"The end of the swim season."

Caroline Harrison

"Boxing in EMBRINA'S CAR IN THE JUNIOR LOT"

ADAM HAGE

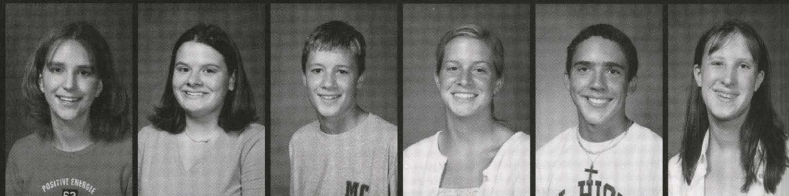
SOPHOMORES

The transition between freshman and sophomore year is an exciting one. No longer the "new kids" on the third floor, 10th graders are finally fully immersed within the U-High culture. In addition to having more classes with upperclassmen, the FIRST hurdle has been cleared and more freedom is the result. Flexibility within the class schedules is important as sophomore year presents the excitement of driver's ed and the possibility of parking in the junior lot.

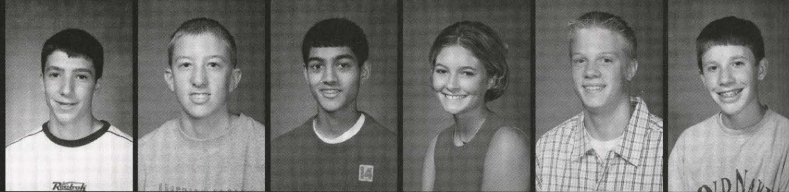
The period between freshman and junior years can be awkward and confusing, but the experience at U-High are unparalleled. The end of sophomore year marks the midpoint of the students' high school career and provides an excellent time to reflect upon personal growth.



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Daniel Augspurger
Maggie Baar
Diego Baez
Michelle Ball

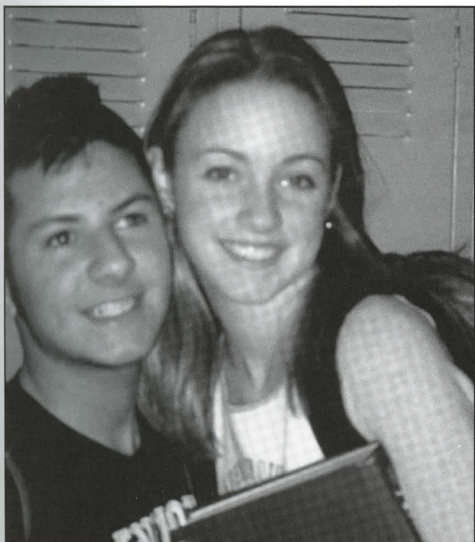


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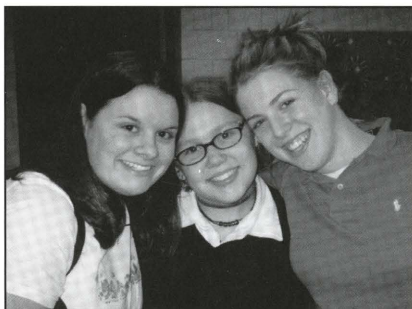




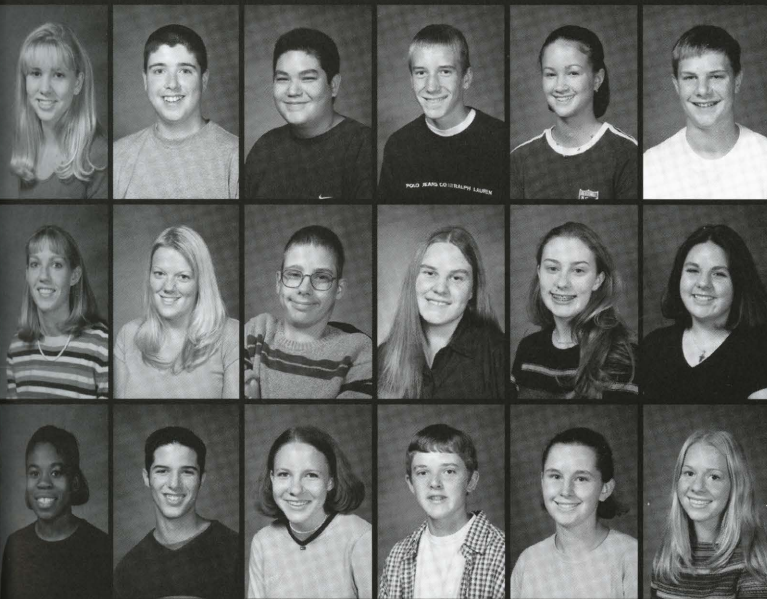
Above: Megan Lynn and Mike Manjarrez hug after school.



Top Right: Tiffany Cox, Rebecca Stone and Amy Harshbarger hang out together in the sophomore hall.



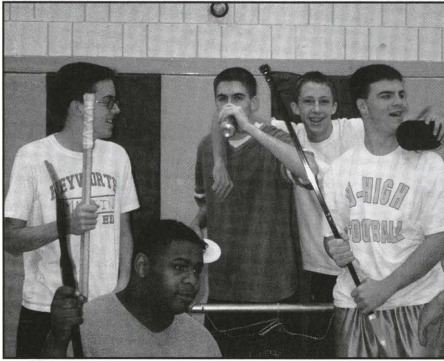
Bottom Right: Elizabeth Anhalt, Jessica Sprague and Elise Kaupp cuddle up in the lounge.



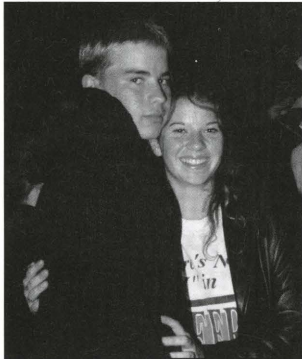
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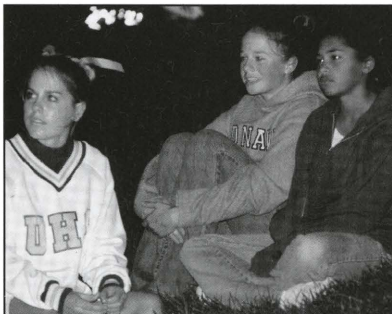
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Above: Matt Martin, Joe Hunt, Kevin Smith, Shawn Jennings, and Pete Meisner love to play hockey in P.E.

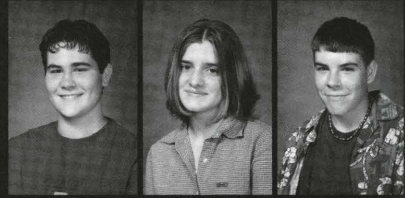


Above: Nick Kennedy and Maggie Whitaker hang out at the bonfire.

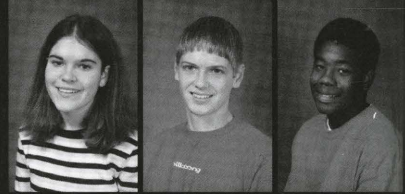


Above: Rachel Turner, Ellie Somers and Meghan Naik watch the bonfire intently during Spirit Week.

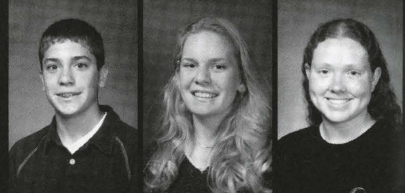
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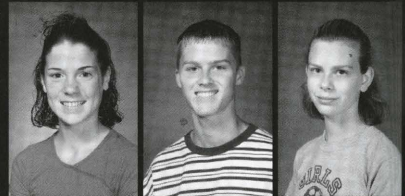
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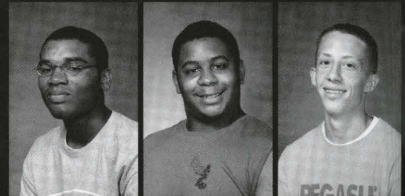
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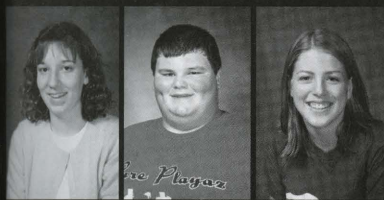


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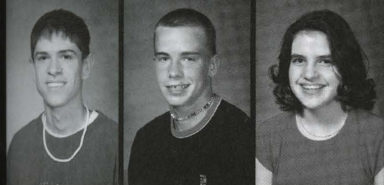


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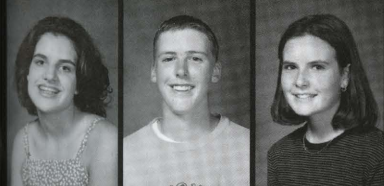




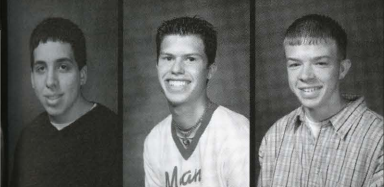
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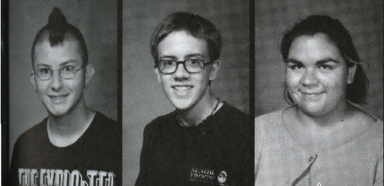
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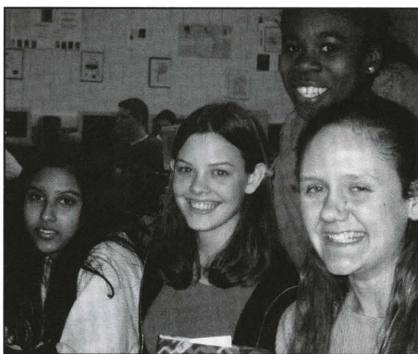
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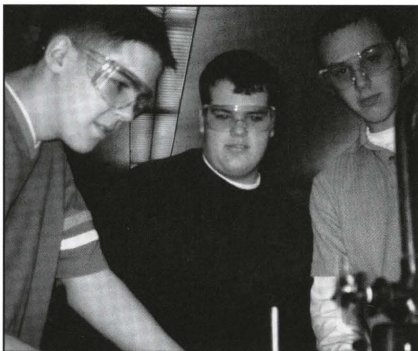
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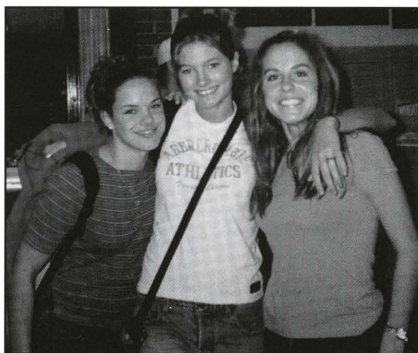
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Above: Trina Karim, Kristen Ochiltree, Tara Dover and Mary Risius study diligently during Sophomore Writing.

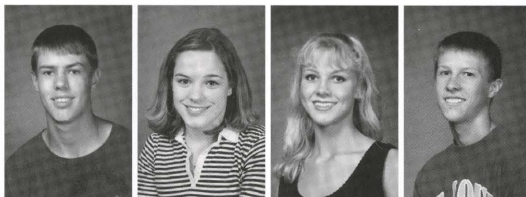


Above: Kevin Smith, Erik Schroeder and Justin Price work hard in Chemistry.



Above: Lindsay McReynolds, Ally Becker and Rachel Turner get together to take a quick picture during their free period.

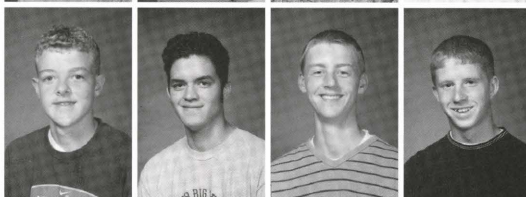
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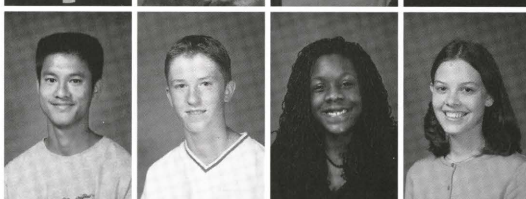
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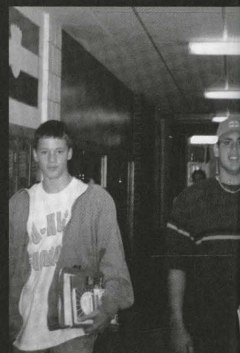
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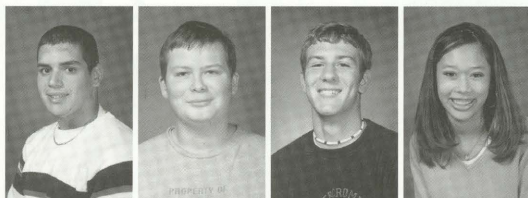
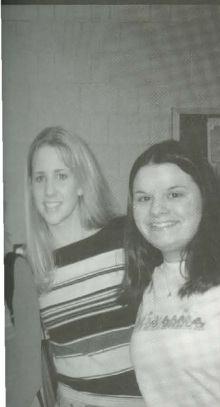
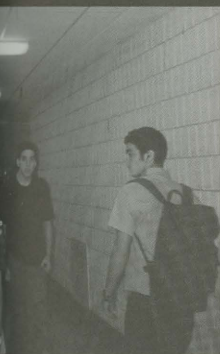


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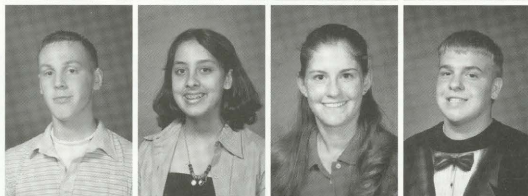


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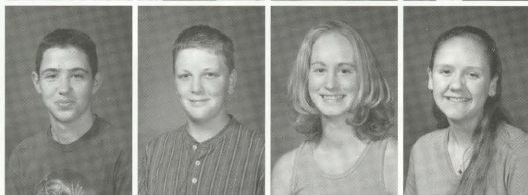




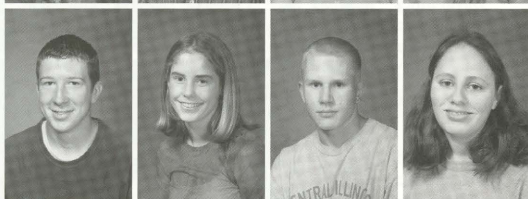
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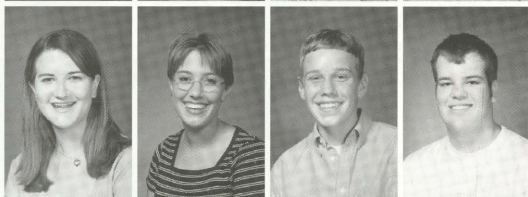
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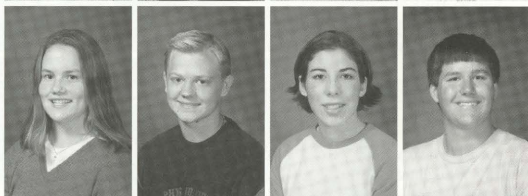
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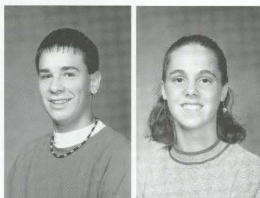


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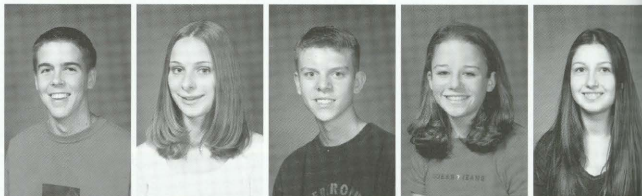


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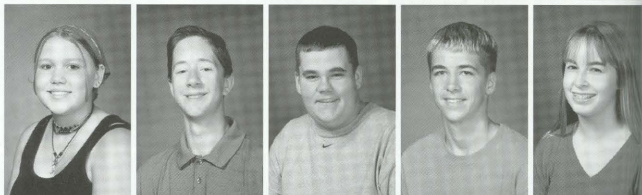
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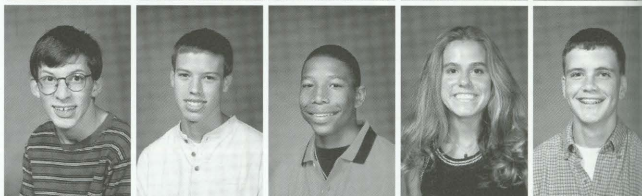
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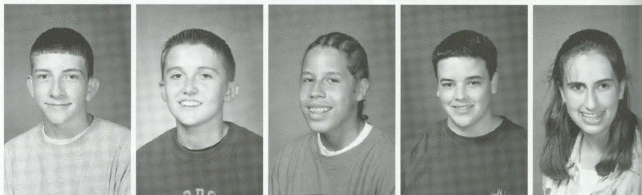
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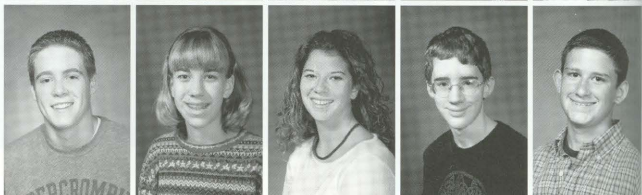
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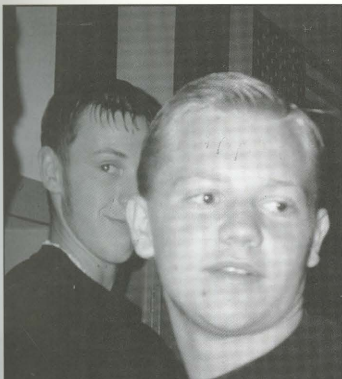
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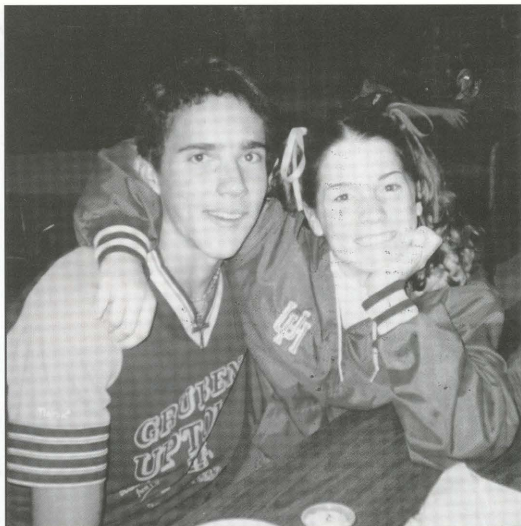


Above: Justin Price and Miles Scritchlow chat between classes.

Below: Nathaniel Toca and Anne Savage grab books from their lockers for their next class.



Right: Amy Harshbarger and Diego Baez hang out during a free period.



Most Memorable Thing During Sophomore Year...

*"Going through Driver's Education and
getting my license."*

Maggie Baar

"Chlorophyll, more like borophyll!"

Kyle Ferguson

*"Getting out of the **F.I.R.S.T.** program."*

Miriam Gebhardt

"Your Mom!"

Megari Lynn

"Ogonna Nnamani Day!"

Joseph Hunt

NOT PICTURED

Molly Doran
Thomas Fenger
Michael Henderson
John Higgins
Benjamin Johnson

Patrick Peregray
Emily Piercy
Rebecca Stone
Michael Vivirito
Cory Yantz
Kyle Yantz

FRESHMEN

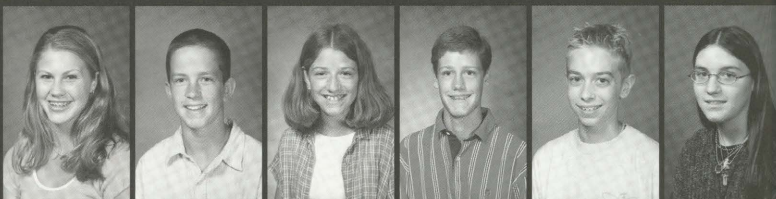
Freshman year in high school is a year of adjustments, learning experiences, and "firsts." It's a time to meet new teachers, make new friends, and begin creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Too often, freshmen are anxious to "grow up." They look forward to getting their license, becoming upperclassmen, and graduating from high school. Yet there are exciting things about 9th grade as well. This year's freshmen have witnessed their first state title as Pioneer fans. They may have attended Homecoming. They participated in student government, expanded horizons through projects and had the chance to be a part of Winter Ball Court.

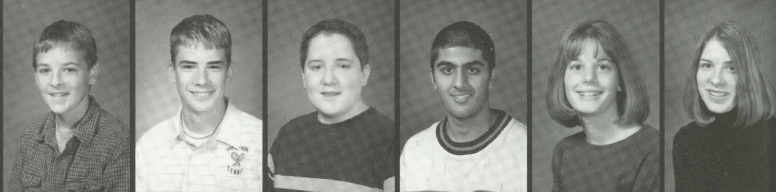
Freshman year is a foundation year; the experiences of today will help shape the rest of high school. May there be plenty of wonderful memories to build upon.



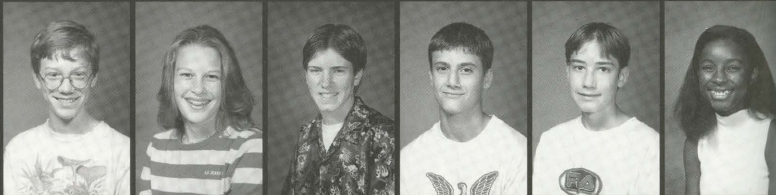
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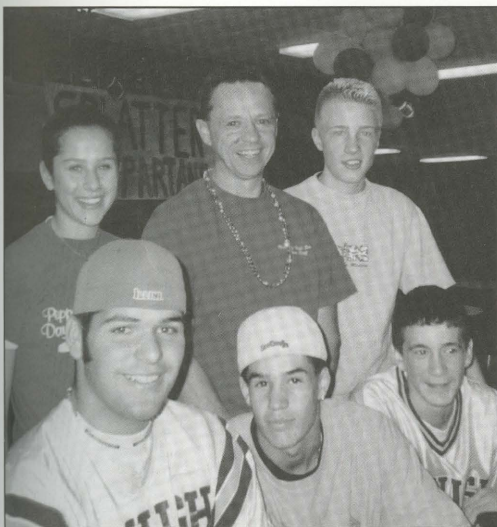


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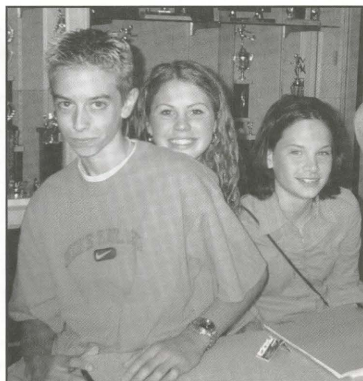
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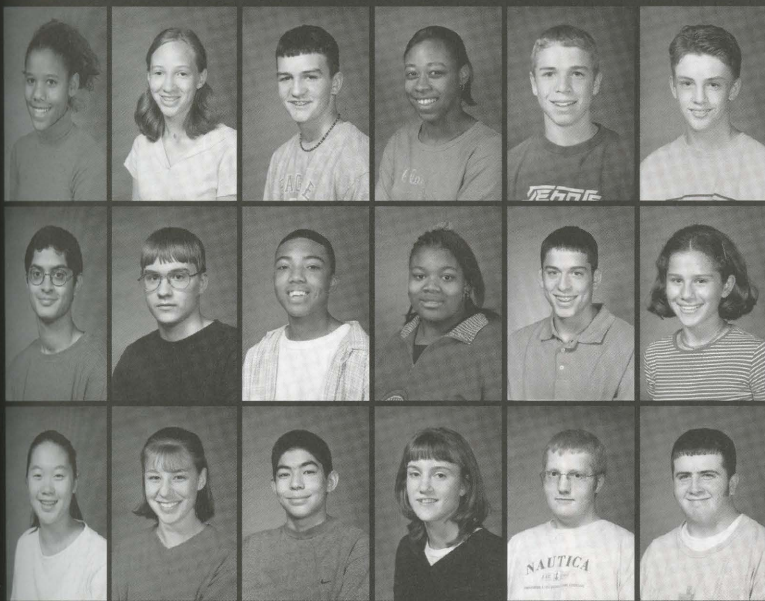
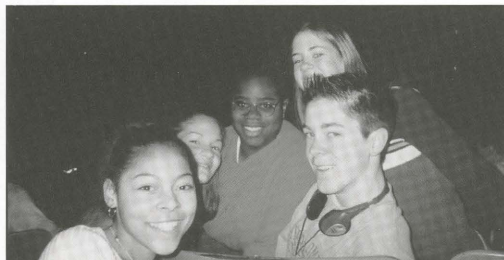


Left: Mac-Daddy Justin Bantham chills in the lounge with a table of lovely ladies.

Below: Caitlin Parker, Kelly Morris, Ashley Hall and Ashley Jackson surround Luke Franks as the five hang out in Stroud.



Above: Bruce (center back) is loved by all in the school, frosh included. Freshmen Christine Chojnacki, Graham Schenek, Brady Wrezinski, Devon Solomon, and Louie Williams hang with him in the lounge.



Tiffany Burton
Courtney Bustle
Michael Butts
Candice Byrd
Patrick Carroll
Ryan Casselman

Shondip Chakravarty
Mark Chambers
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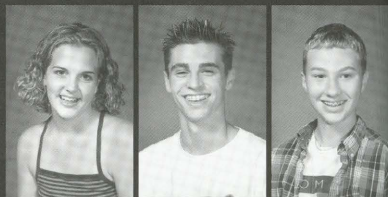


Above: The freshmen cheerleaders don't mind being put on the spot as they sing "I'm a Little Teapot."

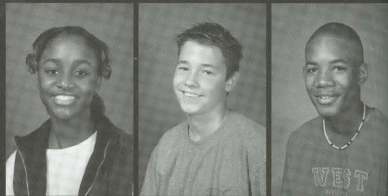


Above: A few dedicated girls work on the freshman float during Homecoming Week.

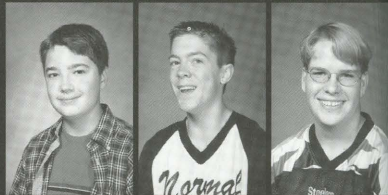
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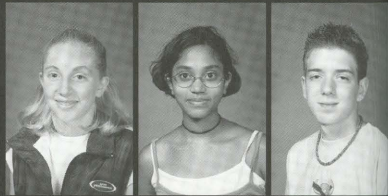
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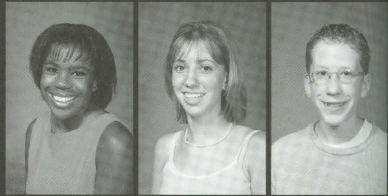
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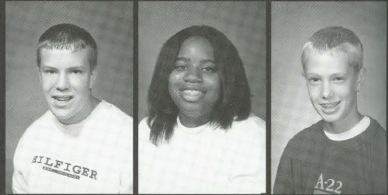
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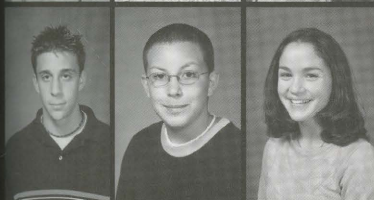


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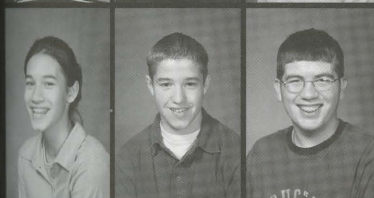




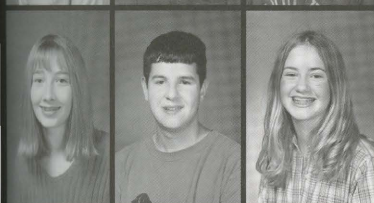
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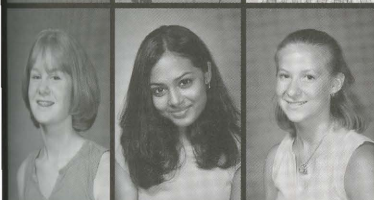
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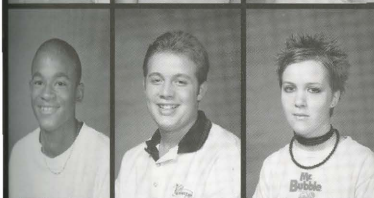
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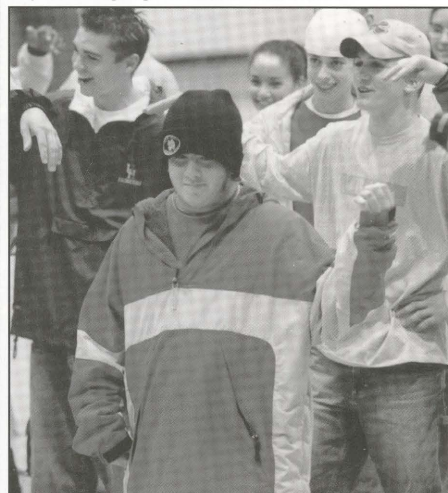
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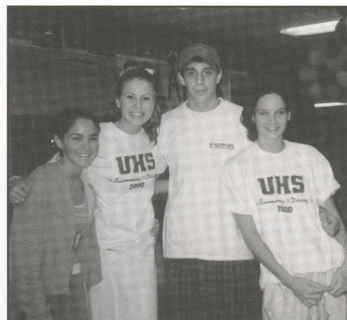
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Above: Whitney Koch, JC Katz, Molly Mizer, Jamie Blass, Cori Replogle, Erin Wahlheim and Kate Zimmerman are a very studious group. Look at all those books!

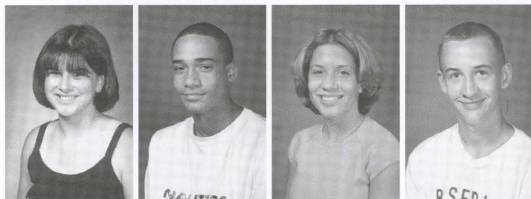


Above: Tommy Cottone looks like he'd rather do anything other than perform "I'm a Little Teapot" in front of a capacity crowd.

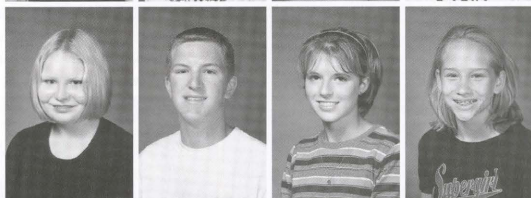


Above: Ericka Holt, Allie Aagesen, Drue Hocker and Erin Wahlheim hang out in the lounge on pajama day.

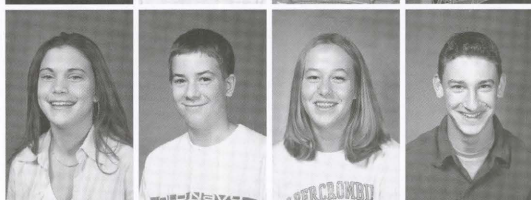
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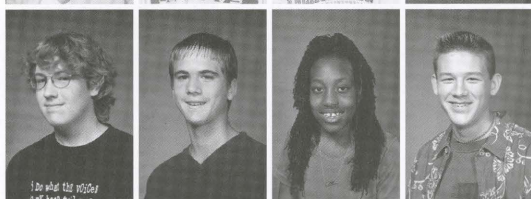
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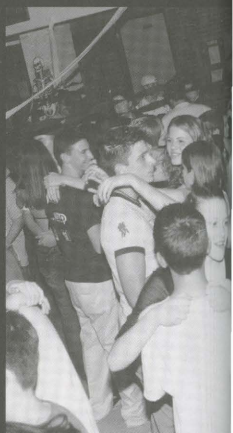
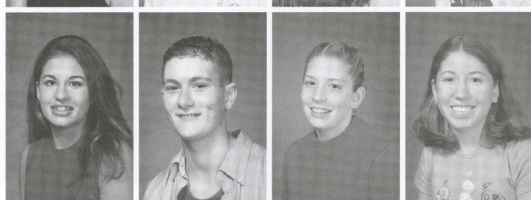
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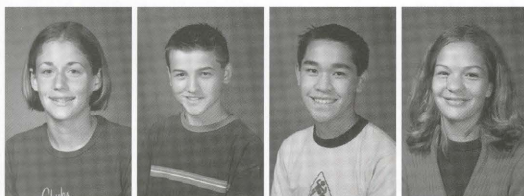
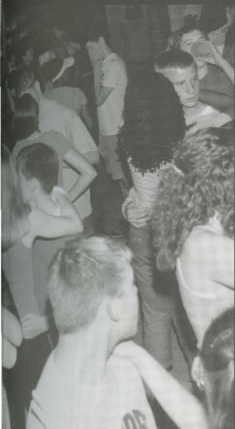


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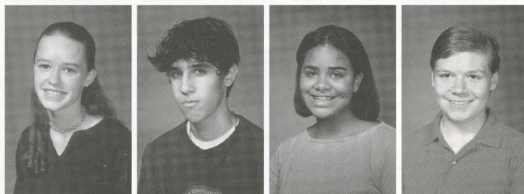


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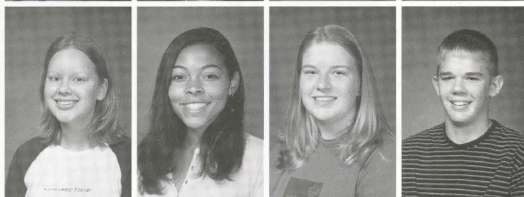




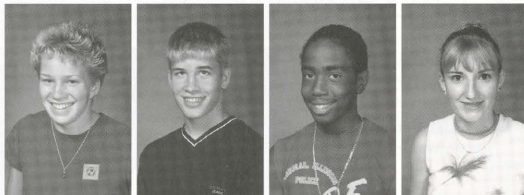
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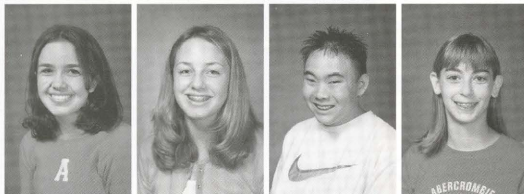
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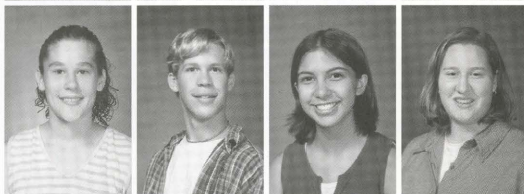
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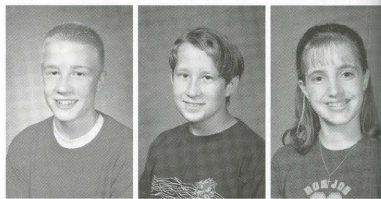
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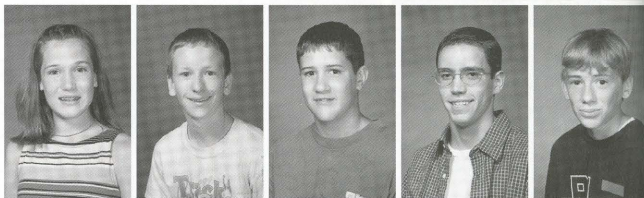
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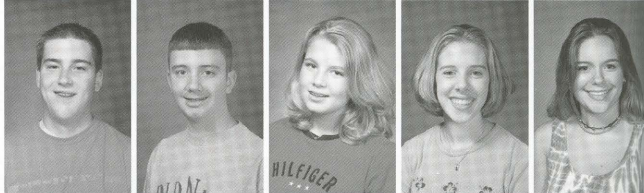
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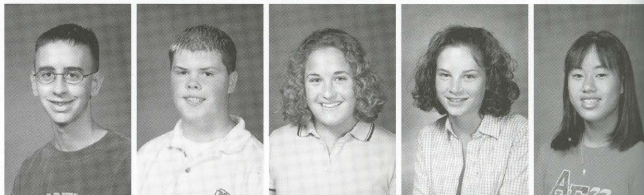
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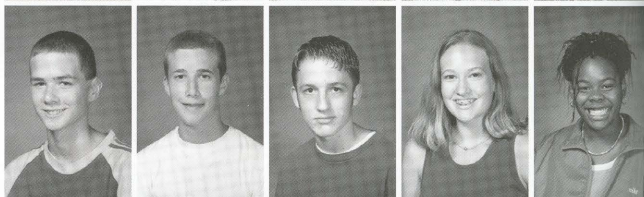
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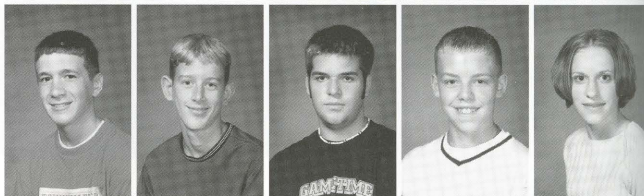
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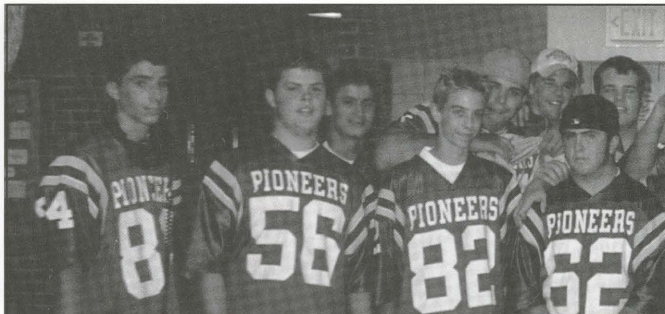
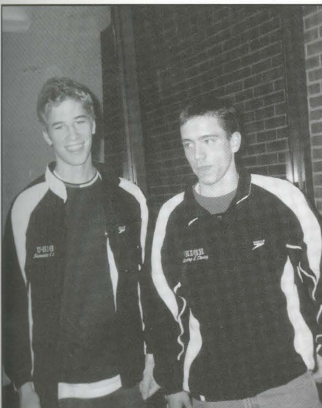


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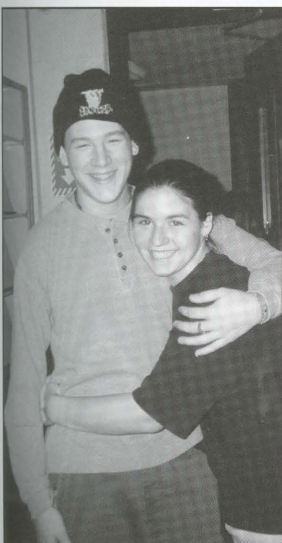
Louis Williams
Joseph Witte
Brady Wrezinski
Chase York
Kate Zimmerman





Above: The freshmen football players demonstrate mental and physical strength before a big game.

Left: Will Powell and Brian Sinn show off their attractive U-High swim apparel.



Below Left: Nate Loos and Julia Bartolone give each other a big squeeze in the Home Ec room.

Favorite Thing About Being a Freshman

It's better than junior high, especially the dances."

Cori Replogle

"I liked having a senior brother and having all of his friends know me."

Kelli Milligan

"I LIKED BEING ABLE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND START OVER."

KAYLAN GUZMAN

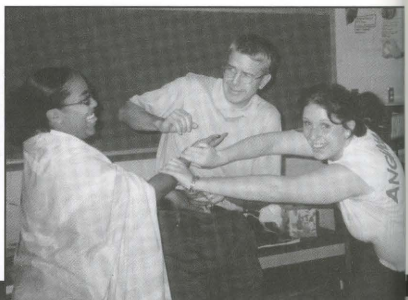
"I liked having all this freedom."
Amanda Park

NOT PICTURED

Mark Bruce
Dillon Costinger
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Whitney Thomas
Betsy Ummel
Robert Wichmann

Looking Back on . . . ACADEMICS/ACTIVITIES

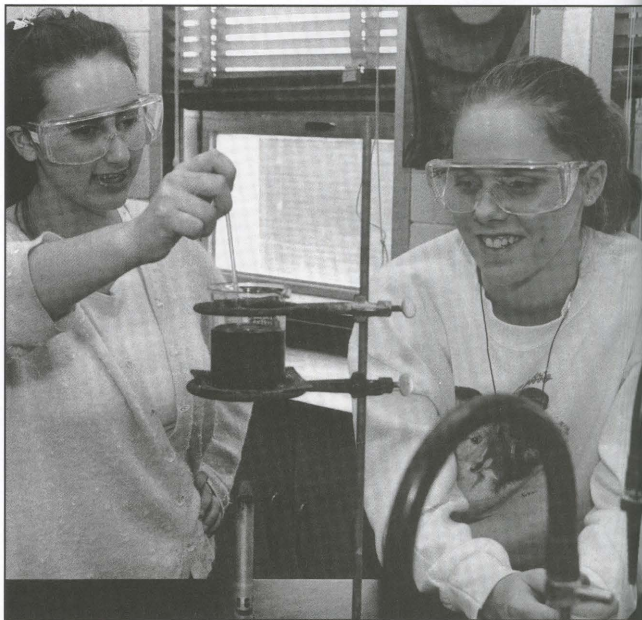
Right: Senior Kathryn Brown and Junior Angie Fulton duke it out in psychology class as Mr. Pulley tries to avoid being caught in the middle.



Though students often take it for granted, we here are very lucky. Most high schools enforce strict schedules, offer limited classes, and no free hours. However, at U-High, we never have to deal with these hassles. U-High places a great deal of trust in its students, allowing them to experience enormous amounts of freedom. That freedom is evident every time a student, teacher, or observer walks into the building and sees the students casually strolling the halls, hanging out in the lounge, or participating in one of the many different classes offered at U-High.

U-High students not only participate in the classroom, but outside as well. Many students take advantage of the opportunity to partake in clubs, activities, or take the initiative to start their own clubs as happened this year with Horizons, Crosswalk, and Film Club.

These academics and activities showcase the excellence, hardwork, and pride that abounds in the U-High students. Whether in the classroom or outside of it, the Pioneers have a long-standing tradition of excellence. That tradition of excellence, along with the freedom and the trust given to us, makes attending U-High a special experience.

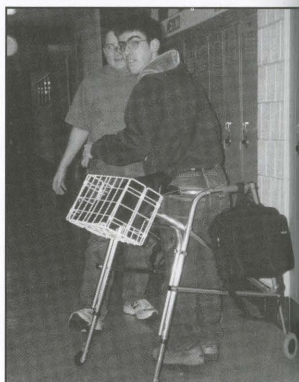


Above Right: Sophomores Rebecca Wenning and Samantha Slama try their luck at another tough chemistry experiment.

Right: Julie Fisher and Mai Suigimoto model their festive Hawaiian outfits during Homecoming Spirit Week.

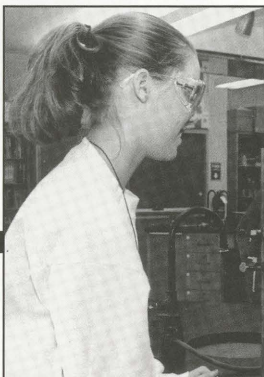


Far Right: Senior Brad Mosier stops at his locker before hurrying down the hallway towards his next class.

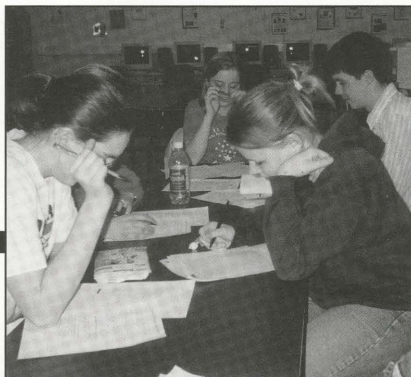




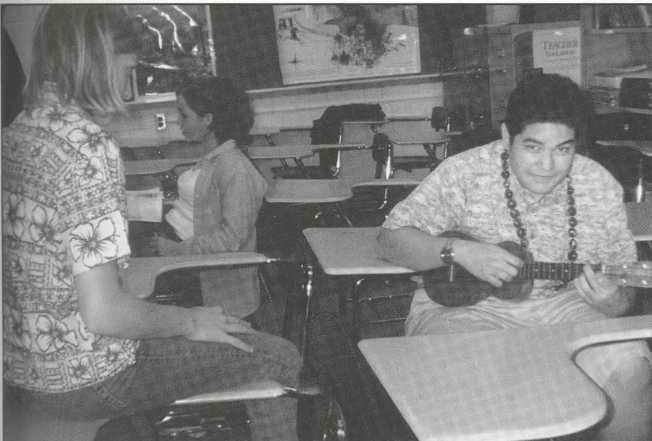
Left: Sophomore Andre Francois examines his Chemistry with a smile. The experiment is obviously going well.



Below Middle: Samantha Slama finishes up her work in the science lab.



Above: The Baseball Team congratulates senior Ryan Robb after he hit a homerun.

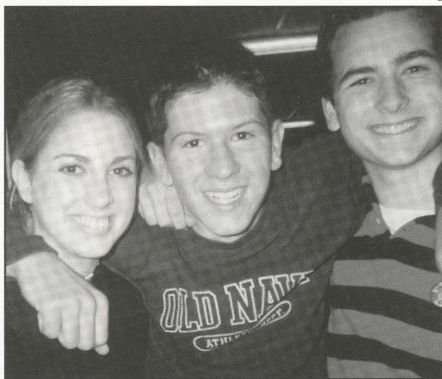


Top: Ali Wells, Collen Kinsella, Matt Shaw, and Tessa Sommers brainstormtry ideas during Creative Writing Class.

Above: Social Science teacher Ms. Scott engages her AP U.S. History in a thought provoking discussion.

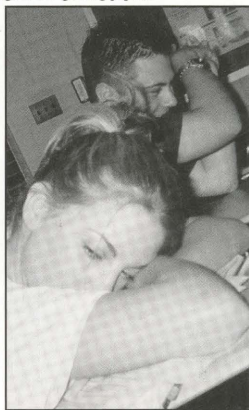
Left: Junior Emily Riehl listens to Sophomore Mike Conte's ukelele playing on Spirit Week Hawaiian Day.

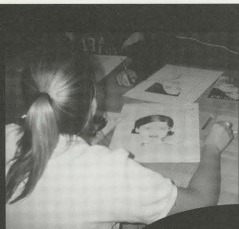
Below Left: Spanish teacher Mrs. Sams Davis takes a break before going back to grading papers.



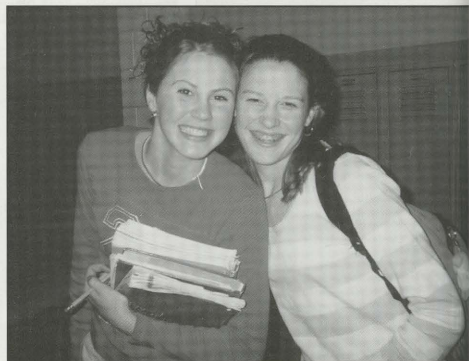
Above: Junior buddies Chritine Ziebart, Jordan Carpenter, and Jonah Pryor pose for the camera during their 10:00 free hour.

Right: Junior Christine Ziebart tries to take a quick napping one of her morning classes.





First Semester Academics



Above: Freshmen Allie Aageson and Kelsey Bohling are anticipating all the excitement that lies ahead in their FIRST classes.

Academics are the real reason we attend school, whether we like it or not. However, U-High teachers do their best to make students' time in the classroom more enjoyable, and they almost always are successful.

U-High opened the doors to students this year with freshly painted green and gold lockers, and several new teachers. Mr. Conant helped the journalism class buckle down, and Coach Ware added new life to the Consumer Economics classes while at the same time outfitting much of the student body in his HEROH line of clothing.

Students also saw the addition of the new "Smart" classroom and a new Biology lab. As usual, freshmen had to adjust to the FIRST program, but the FIRST program did some adjusting of its own, adding three new teachers. Freshmen participated in the McLean County Project, while upperclassmen got involved in projects including Museum in the Classroom and the tech favorite, Rube Goldbergs. Whether it was returning to old academic projects, or starting new ones, U-High students wasted no time this year getting involved.



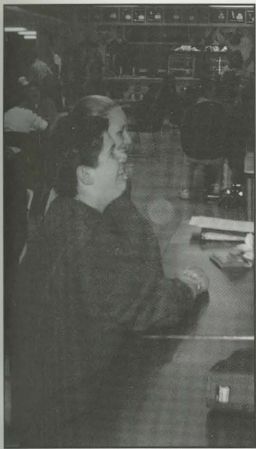
Above: Mrs. Thetard's AP Literature class is prominently featured in the yearbook due not only to their willingness to be in photos, but also because of their savvy attention to the latest pajama fashions. Shouldn't you guys be working?



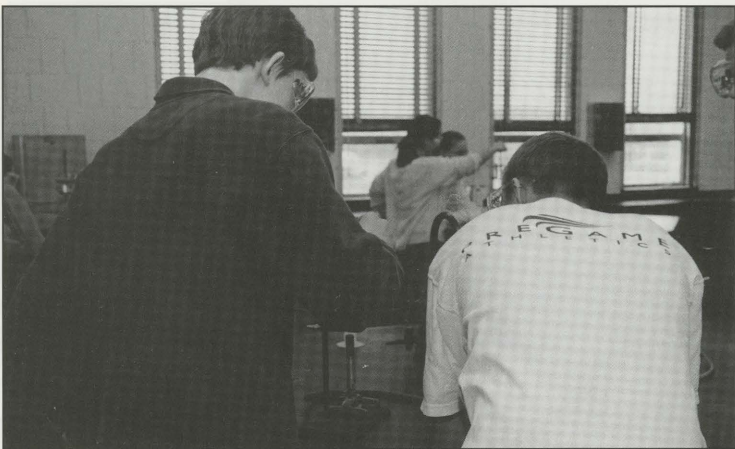
Above: Senior Kathryn Brown wards off an attacking Angie Fulton as Mr. Pulley looks on in terror and amazement.



Right: Senior Heath Brandon is intent on finishing his tech project. The male-dominated class is taught every year by Mr. Dearing.



Above: Dan Oltman and Julie Grubar give their brains a rest. The lounge is a place to unwind when the academic pressure is on.



Above: Chemistry serves as a sort of rite-of-passage for sophomores and some juniors.

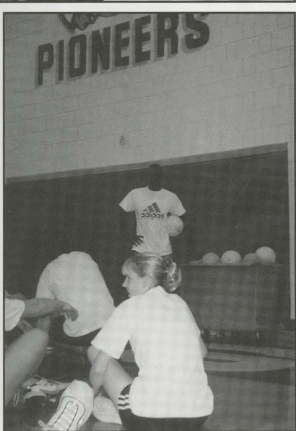


Left: Students mill around the tech room as seniors Annie Ginzkey and Lauren Nave buddy up to look around.

Right: The camera can tell no lies, as junior Christine Ziebart is caught in napping glory. Next to her, Steven Agge struggles to keep his eyes open.



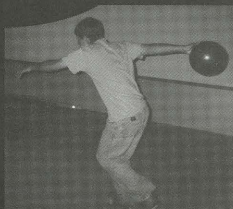
Right: Junior Alison Dehner lines up in her squad as P.E. instructor Coach Hampton waits for everyone to stop talking so he can begin the volleyball unit.



Left: Senior Laura Berglund anxiously awaits the arrival of her friends and study buddies, so she can get down to the serious business of Bio II.



Second Semester Academics

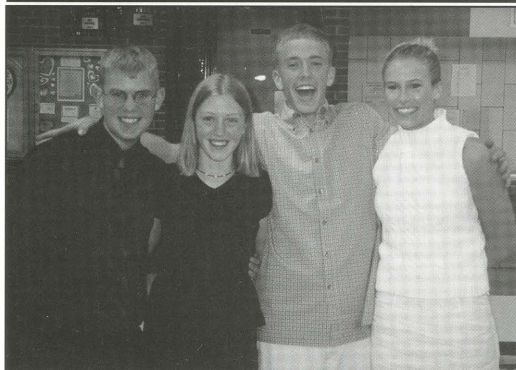


Second Semester can oftentimes be a little hard to handle. Christmas break and all the festivities are a thing of the past, and summer is still so far away.

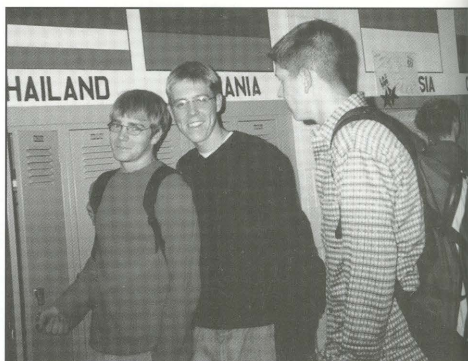
U-High students handled this time well, and with the help of their teachers, continued to stay involved in the classroom. Second Semester saw the addition of virtual high school classes, which allowed students to take classes not offered at U-High, such as AP Government.

Mrs. Witherow's French IV students were kept busy throughout the Fourth Quarter as they tried their best not to get their heads chopped off with the Guillotine Project, which helped them explore French history. Freshmen were occupied by the Pioneers of the Past unit and Project FIRST underwent intense scrutiny before it was decided to remove math from the curriculum and allow incoming freshmen the freedom to choose their own math class.

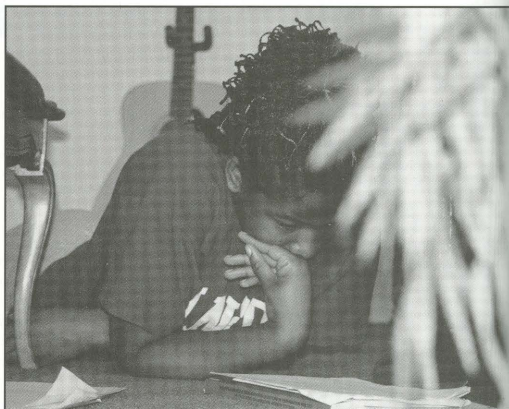
These academics kept students so busy that the second semester flew by and the much anticipated summer break quickly arrived.



Above: Juniors Jeff Holbrook, Emily Riehl, Stephen Brokaw and Ashley Lackovich gather in the lounge after the National Honor Society Induction.



Above: Craig Rohren, John Wey and Jordan Carpenter gather in the junior hall between classes.



Above: Senior Ogonna Nnamani finds a comfortable spot behind a potted plant to study for her AP Chemistry exam. Good luck!

Right: Backpacks in tow, Matt Allen, Erin Wiese and Erik Eddington stride down the senior hall in search of their next class.

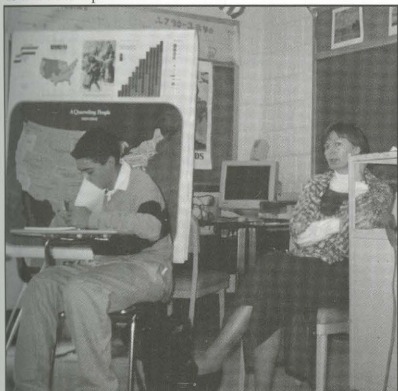




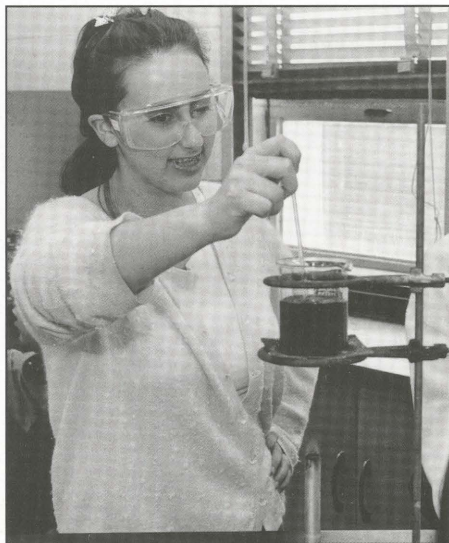
Above: Hmm...this doesn't look very academic at all. Then again, Molly Hage IS on a class trip.



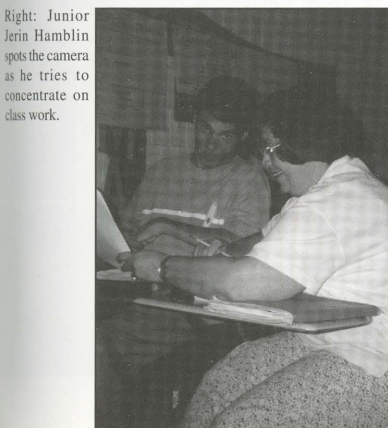
Above: Mrs. Withrow's French IV class displayed their "La Guillotine" Project on a large bulletin board in one of the foreign language rooms.



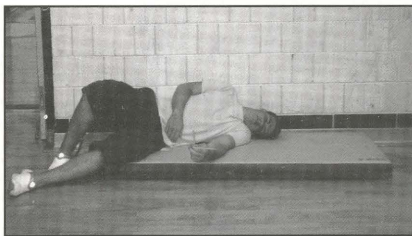
Left: Justin Trana studiously takes notes as Ms. Scott discusses the Compromise of 1850 with her AP U.S. History class.



Right: Sophomore Rebecca Wenning carefully stirs an unidentified liquid in Mrs. Ives' Chemistry class.



Right: Junior Jerin Hamblin spots the camera as he tries to concentrate on class work.



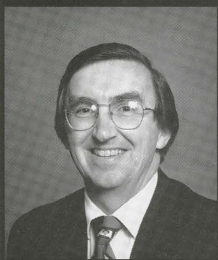
Left: Sophomore Pete Meisner rests after a hard day of P.E. Are you sure you are okay, Pete?

U-High Faculty / Staff

Out with the old, in with the new. That seems to be the theme of the University High's faculty this year. A variety of positions were filled, ranging from attendance secretary Linda Witte, who took over for Linda Staley, to new Consumer Economics teacher Jermaine Ware, Margaret Tatum's replacement.

Some other new faces at U-High include Brian Conant, who replaced John Kline in the English Department, and Shyla Anderson and Jim Allen, both FIRST English teachers. Track coach Jerry Parsons also joined the FIRST staff upon the leave of absence taken by Cindy Pulley.

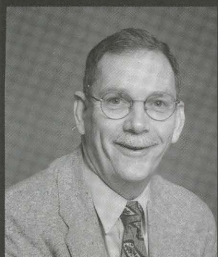
One of the most well known faces roaming the hallways of U-High is Principal Gary O'Malley. Unlike our principals of the past, he is sticking around for his third full year. O'Malley can always be found in the hallways or lounge, talking to students and doing his best to make U-High a better place.



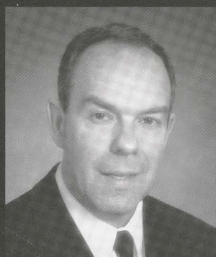
*Dr. Robert Dean,
director of lab schools*



*Dr. Gary O'Malley,
principal*



*William Duett,
assistant principal*

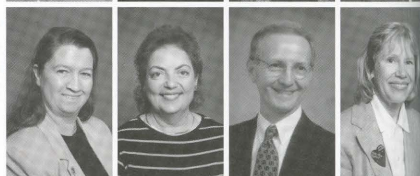


*Curt Christenson,
activities director*

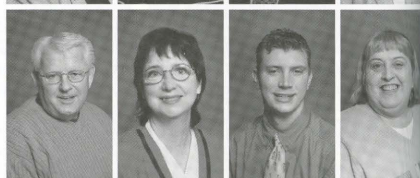
Jim Allen
Shyla Anderson
Suzi Apple
Patricia Arnold



Carol Benson
Barbara Bills
John Boyd
Sandra Brown



Jerry Christensen
Kathy Clesson
Brian Conant
Bev Cornell



Chris Corpus
Doris Cropp
Brad Dearing
Margot Ehrlich



Marc Feaster
Lynda Frankeberger
Charles Gault
Lester Hampton

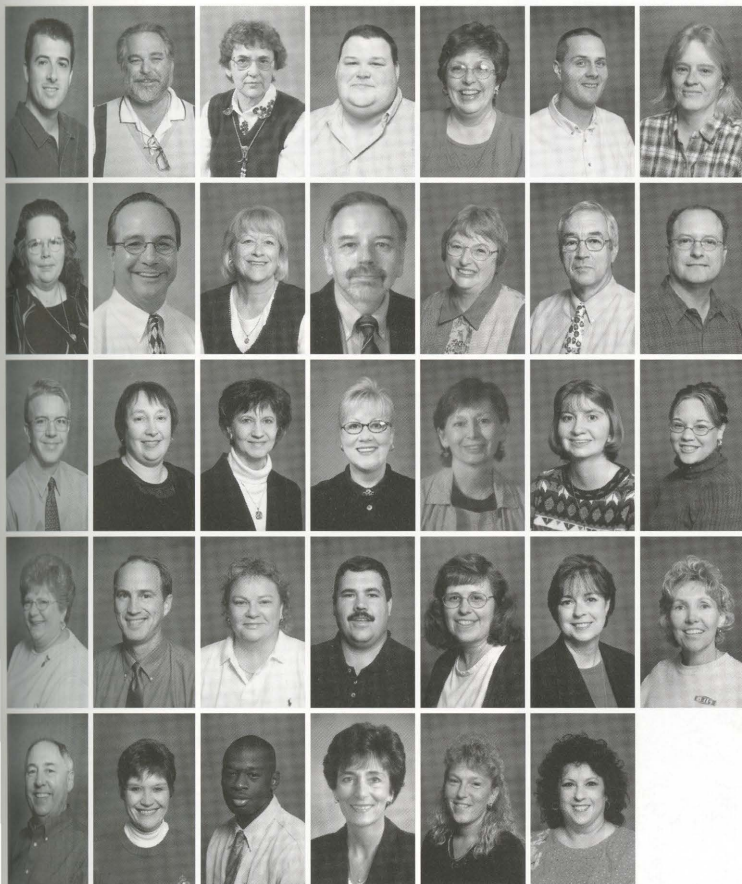


J. D. Hawkins
Michael Henning
Tom Holbrook
Cal Hubbard



Debbie Hubbard
Janeice Ives
Vicki Jacobs
Amy Johnson





Jon Kilgore
Jim Kinsella
Martha Kiser
Chris Kozik
Karen Kuniyoshi
Jim Kurz
Char Lehnen

Dixie Lewis
Bob Morris
Donna Murray
Bob Neuleib
Kathy Oberhardt
Jerry Parsons
Don Petty

Phil Pulley
Jennifer Rexius
Karen Sams-Davis
Nancy Schenck
Peggy Scott
Laura Sellers
Kate Shawhan

Mary Sigler
Dirk Smid
Wendy Smith
Mike Sondgeroth
Julie Steinberg
Susan Thetard
Ann Vercler

Mike Virlee
Diane Walker
Jermaine Ware
Mary Witherow
Linda Witte
Bobbi Wojcik

*If You were not teaching now, what
would You be doing instead?*

"I would be in a position of power so I could get payback."

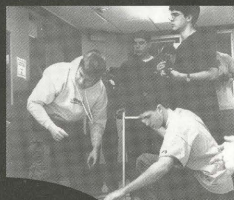
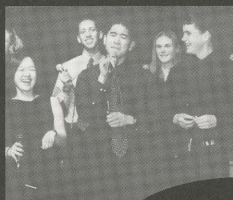
-Bruce

*"I would be a pro golfer. It would be a real
dream to be on the PGA."*

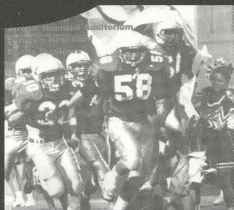
-Dr. O' Malley

*"I would be cooking, raising my family, and
riding my bike somewhere in Europe."*

-Mr. Pulley



Journalism

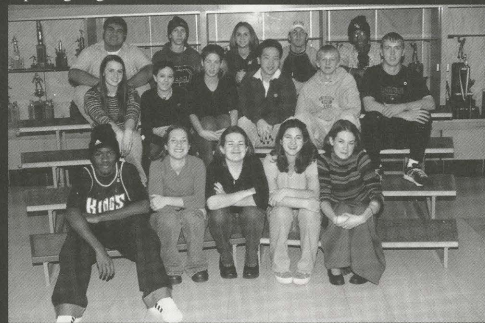


The J-Lab had a new look this year, and with it came first-year advisor Brian Conant, a new hire for the English department. Room 246, which in previous years was the sole domain of the journalism class, became an English room to make way for the Smart Classroom across the hall. This transition period was even more challenging because only two returning seniors had previous experience in journalism.

Conant stressed journalism basics, and the production journalism class, normally in charge of producing a monthly newspaper and the yearbook, reverted to a very classroom-like setting. "It was different this year," said *Clarionette* newspaper editor Justin Kelley. "A lot more teaching in class, more writing outside."

The class took field trips to University of Illinois for the Illinois High School Press Association presentation and to a Walsworth yearbook workshop early in the year.

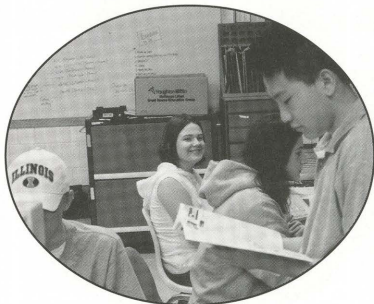
Math teacher Jerry Christensen stepped in to take over the *Clarion* yearbook, which became an after-school activity. "Mr. C. was great," enthused student life editor Kate Heineman. "He kept us going."



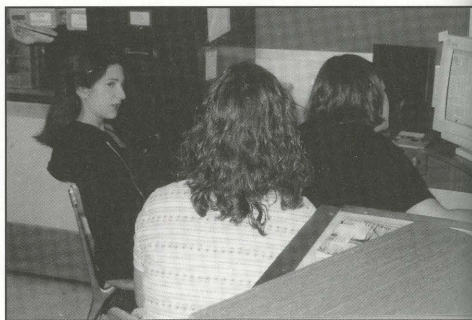
JOURNALISM

First Row: Obum Asota, Katie Heineman, Lauren Nave, Liz Vivirito, Jessica Bantham. Second Row: Emily Piercy, Alessandra Pelusi, Emily Wahlheim, Jeff Jin, Justin Blass, Chad Mears. Third Row: Danny Almanza, Ryan Apple, Katie Flynn, Ryan Singer, James Pierce.

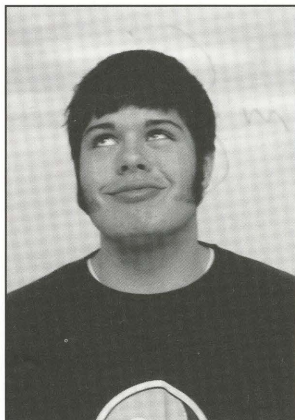
Left: *Clarionette* covers from the 2000-2001 school year.



Above: *Clarionette* editors Lauren Nave, Liz Vivirito, Jeff Jin and Justin Blass work hard to get the *Clarionette* out on time.

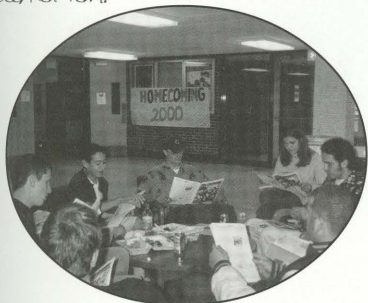


Above: Liz Vivirito, Katie Heineman and Lauren Nave use the excellent journalism computers to brainstorm story ideas for the *Clarionette*.

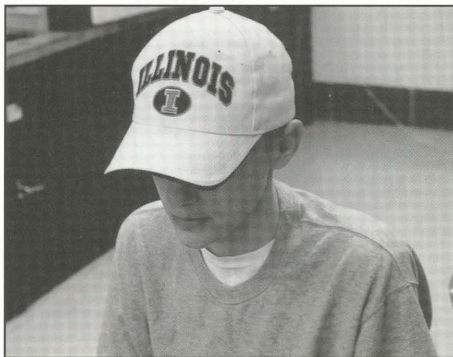


Above: Pete Teasman ponders life. Pete was responsible for this year's hysterical "Wry Corner," one of the *Clarionette's* regular columns.

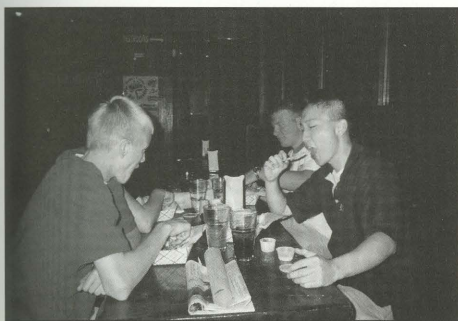
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 Ari Taulbee, Ken Tenn.



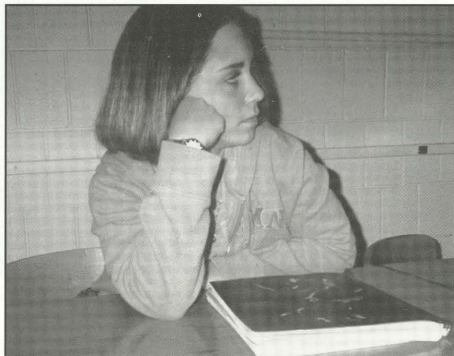
Above: U-High students relax in the lounge and enjoy another fine issue of the *Clarionette*. Good job, Journalism Staff!



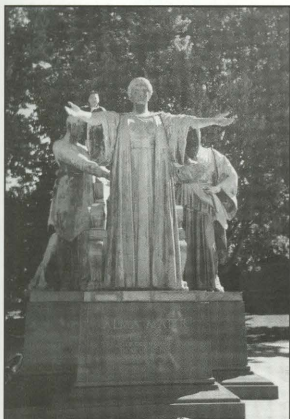
Above: *Clarionette* Sports Editor Justin Blass is hard at work on yet another fine article about the fabulous U-High athletic teams.



Above: *Clarionette* editors Justin Blass, Jeff Jin, and Justin Kelley take a rest from the journalism conference in Champaign to have a lunch break. Editing all the excellent stories produced by the journalism class can really make one hungry.



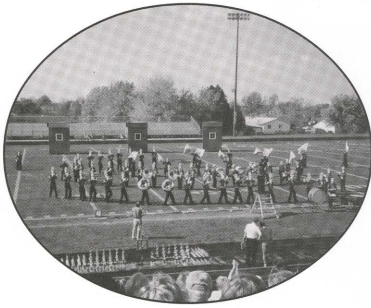
Above: Journalism class member Katie Flynn listens intently to one of Mr. Conant's lectures on proper journalism techniques.



Above: Jeff Jin, after learning new journalistic skills at an U of I workshop, climbs to the top of this very tall statue.



Above: Journalism class members John Kruse, Ryan Singer, Emily Wahlheim and Jonah Pryor discuss another new journalism rule that they learned while Neil Pitstick and Brandon Burnett get right to work on their *Clarionette* articles.



Above: The Marching Band marches at a band competition in the fall. Marching Band is a fun activity, but it is very hard work.



Above: The U-High Jazz Band Gold takes a group picture after one of their electrifying concerts.

Below: Orchestra director Margot Ehrlich conducts her students during class.



BAND

First Row: C. Kinsella, J. Michalski, C. Griswold, C. Bustle, Second Row: S. Killian, J. Sugimoto, J. Nguyen, J. White, S. Bandy, M. Martin, A. Jackson, C. Raney, M. Ball, Third Row: T. Burton, J. Dawson, W. Thomas, J. Fisher, V. Gibson, J. Lubich, A. Wintersteen, Holbrook, J. Weber, D. Mizel, R. Skaggs, J. Kerestes, J. Achelpohl, Fourth Row: M. Kne J. Bantham, K. Harshbarger, M. Niel, S. Achelpohl, N. MacCannell, J. Bower, A. Dean, Schilawski, J. Stein, M. Stazynski, J. Irvin, M. Shaw, J. Ochiltree

Right: Senior marching band members stop for a group shot after their last grueling competition as Marching Pioneers.



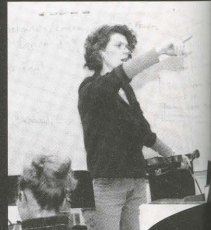
"Band doesn't get much better than this," said junior Neal MacCannell as he descended the stairs into the band room.

"I agree," junior Matt Shaw concurred as he assembled his trombone.

It was a good year for the U-High band, whether they were marching at the half-time show of a football game or rehearsing for a concert during class.

Junior Joe Ochiltree had only words of praise for his fellow bandmates. "This is a talented group, willing and able to take on a challenge," he said

The band, led by Amy Johnson, participated in marching contests, half-time shows, parades, and concerts this year. In addition to all these, the musicians took time out from their busy summer schedule to participate in a week-long band camp in August.



Band/10





ORCHESTRA

First Row: C. Replogle, J. Rubenacker, S. Lee, T. Dover, M. West, M. Baugh.
Second Row: S. Krimmer, J. Wang, J. Olson, M. Doran, E. Riehl, Director Mrs.
Ehrlich. Third Row: M. Hage, S. Moews, A. Idleman, D. Robinson, J. Palm. Fourth
Row: T. Dicker, J. Kossman, A. Hesse, N. Sorokin



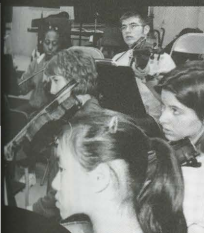
Above: Orchestra students diligently practice during class in preparation for a concert.



Left: Andrew Hesse and Jenny Olson study their music during class.



Above: The U-High Jazz Band Green takes a group photo after a concert.



As temporary orchestra director Margot Ehrlich slid into her new full-time position, members of orchestra found themselves steadily improving.

"I was only in Orchestra for one semester," said junior Julie Fisher. "But we got a lot better in that short time period."

The small group, top-heavy with talented underclassmen and a few more experienced musicians met every day at 2:00, in a class that counted for one fine arts credit.

The group performed with band and chorus at the December, February and May concerts. The combination of these three remarkable groups made for exciting evenings and truly represented the diverse abilities of U-High's student body.

Naturally, orchestra is looking forward to even more improvement next school year.

Below: The Pep Band plays at a football game.





Chorus



Under the continued direction of Chris Corpus, the U-High Chorus enjoyed an exciting year.

The talented vocalists performed on three occasions at U-High, and each concert presented its own challenging repertoire. As usual, it was nothing the singers could not handle. "The talent in the Chorus program grows each year," marveled senior Chorus member Colleen Kinsella. "I am sorry to leave it at such a wonderful time!"

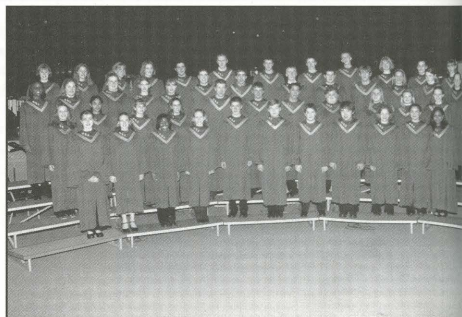
Extracurricular musical groups such as the Jazz Choirs and Madrigal and Court Singers also had a wonderful time rehearsing and perfecting their pieces, and their hard work paid off. As the students trekked to a Boston vocal festival, both Concert Choir and Madrigals received a Superior Rating on their performance. Mixed Chorus received an Excellent Rating.



Chorus I



Above: Angie Fulton and Mary Iliff stop their authentic East Coast seafood dinner for a picture. Chorus, along with other branches of the U-High musical department, took an exciting bus trip to Boston this year.



Chorus II



Above: Elise Kaupp sings her heart out at a chorus concert.



Above: Carrie Vesper, Ashley Lackovich, Angie Fulton, Jenny Dawson, Mary Iliff, Jeremy Sovereign, Hannah Mikals, and Brie Hoepner enjoy a banquet on the chorus trip to Boston.



Above: Shayla Swibaker and Angie Fulton take a picture with a Blue Man from the famous performance group, "The Blue Man Group."



Jazz in the Afternoon



Girls' Jazz



Above: Brie Hoepner, Carrie Vesper, Claire Scott, Meredith Mercier, and Liz Anhalt relax before a night on the town in Boston.



Jazz in the Evening



Madrigals



With twenty-five songs to perfect and pages of script to memorize, the U-High Madrigal Singers truly had their work cut out for them this year. The a capella group was chosen in May of the previous school year, and they served as entertainment at a variety of events and school functions, the high point being the annual November Madrigal Dinners.

The script, entitled "That's Amore!," was an original piece written by senior Madrigal member Colleen Kinsella and senior Tessa Somers. It followed two Italian families as they came together to "celebrate" the arranged marriage of their children.

The nights were filled with laughter and feasting as audiences were treated to a variety of classic Christmas songs and old-fashioned a capella arrangements.

In a departure from tradition, the Radisson Hotel--not Jumer's--was the site of the gala event. But just as in other years, the dinners served as a culmination of much hard work by the Court Singers, the Madrigal instrumentalists, and, of course, their respective directors.



Madrigals Court Singers



Above: Sophomore Megan Dougherty and seniors Ken Temi and Mai Sugimoto watch each other carefully while singing an a capella rendition of "Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers."



Above: The female members of the court singers join each other on the stage for the fine melody "Some Men Desire Spouses."



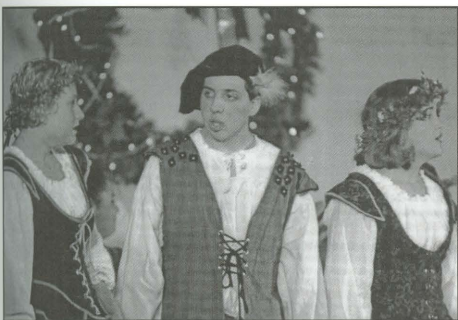
Above: Senior Mike Zalzarriaga performs a solo during the Madrigals Dinner.



Above: The entire cast gathers on stage to perform one last song before the evening of musical enjoyment ends.



Above: A fine quartet including seniors Lindsey Kaupp, Mike Zaldarriaga and Megan Kerns, hum a tune



Above: Junior Julie Fisher, sophomore Peter Lamonica and freshman Carrie Vesper sing "Wassail" as the beverages are served to the audience.



Above: The happy couples finally unite at the end of the performance. How romantic!



Above: Senior Angie Basolo and sophomore T.J. Turner lament their dreaded arranged marriage.



Above: A group of Madrigal Singers take a break to enjoy the scrumptious feast.



Thespians



The Thespians had another smashing year, putting on a fall play, several winter one acts, and a spring musical. This year's fall play was *The Imaginary Invalid* by Moliere and starred Andrew Hesse, Lindsey Kaupp, and Liz Holt. The winter one acts consisted of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *Electra*, and *Glass Menagerie*, and showcased a wide variety of U-High theatrical talent. The Drama Department concluded their year with the Spring musical *42nd Street*. Despite the problems with flooding and asbestos in Stroud, the musical starring Angie Basolo, Liz Holt, Zach Ploense, and Andrew Hesse, was a success. Between all of their productions, the Thespains still found time to attend the Illinois High School Theatre Fest and take a trip to Chicago to see theatre there.

U-High's "Performing Pioneers" once again made the theatre come alive for the students at U-High. Talent abounded during each one of their performances and with their hard work and dedication made these performances a delight.

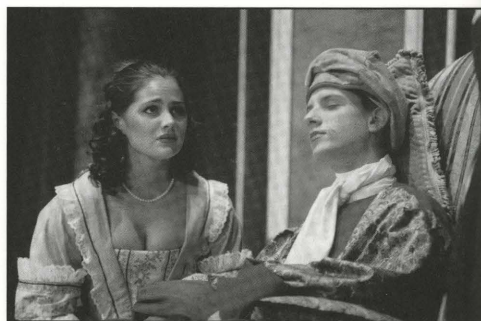


THESPIANS

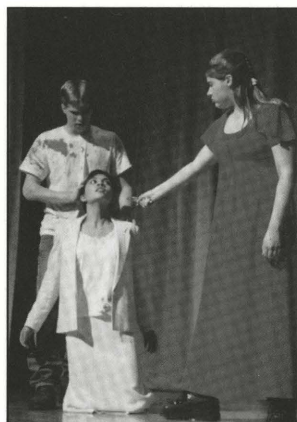
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Above: Anne Savage, Amanda Donnan, and Angie Basolo rehearse for the spring musical *42nd Street*.



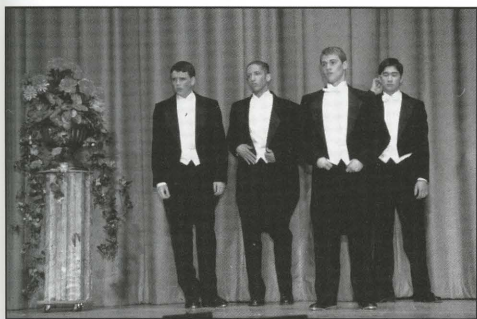
Above: Liz Holt, playing Angelique, expresses her concern over Andrew Hesse, playing Argan, in the fall play *The Imaginary Invalid*.



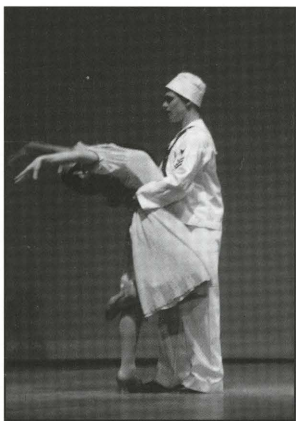
Above: Sophomore Rob Carroll and juniors Jessica Rubenacker and Kellie Powell act out a gruesome scene during the Winter One Acts.



Above: Liz Holt and Angie Basolo sing another lovely tune together during *42nd Street*. This was Liz's and Angie's final performance together at U-High.



Above: Rob Turner, David Foster, Zach Ploense, and Mike Zaldarriaga prepare to belt out another tune during the spring musical.



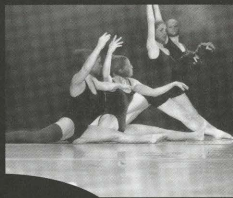
Above: Angie Basolo and Zach Ploense show off their tap dancing skills during *42nd Street*.



Above: Senior Kathryn Brown graces the stage during one of her final performances at U-High in *The Imaginary Invalid*.



Above: Katie Sebold and Ryan Rappa stare in amazement during the one act play *The Glass Menagerie*.

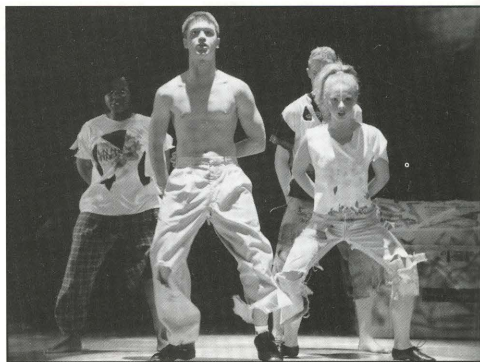


Orchesis

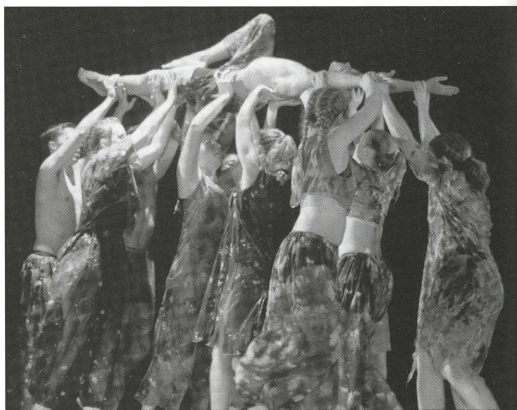


Orchesis Intercity Dance company successfully completed its sixteenth season. Students from U-High, Normal Community, Normal West, Bloomington, and Central Catholic are eligible to participate in this class. Although some take it thinking it will be an easy PE credit, this class meets every morning in McCormick Hall at 6:45. The teacher and Artistic Director, Laurie Merriman, expects nothing but the best from all her dancers. The students are also asked to give up some of their free time on weekends to rehearse pieces for the company's two annual concerts—one in the fall and another in the spring.

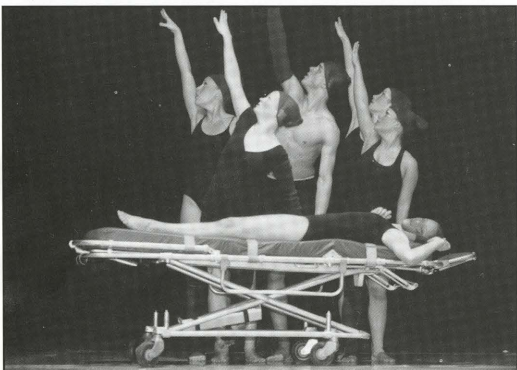
Every year, Laurie Merriman assigns a theme for each of the concerts. She believes the themes will inspire her dancers to try new movement and to express their creativity. She also tries to give the dancers a theme to choreograph to. For this year's fall concert, students were asked to choreograph movement through the eyes of another being. For the spring concert, each small group was asked to choose a prop and incorporate it into their dance. Orchesis students, like Sara Kelley, enjoy orchesis because it allows students to express themselves in a different way than other classes.



Above: Zach Ploense leads a group of dancers during a piece inspired by the plight of the homeless in the Spring concert.



Above: The seniors of Orchesis catch Ben Wegman during the Senior Piece, which was choreographed by Laurie Merriman.



Above: A group of dancers reach up towards the sky during the Spring concert.

Right: Junior Sara Kelley concentrates on the piece she is performing in.

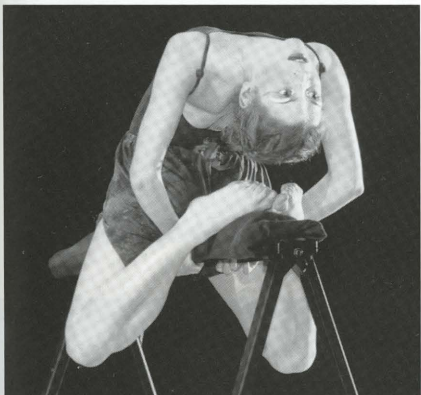




Above: Amy Harshbarger and Sara Kelley dance while expressing the fears they have.

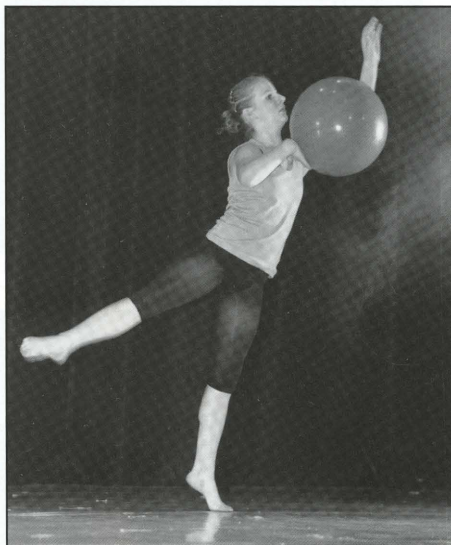


Above: A group of dancers jump into the air while a few others look on during the jazz section.

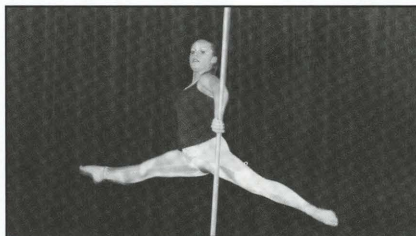
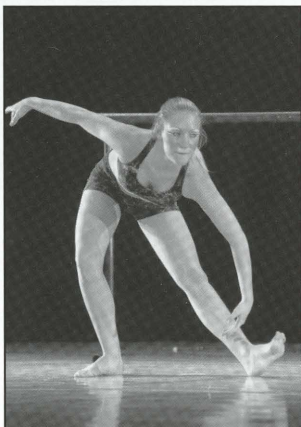


Left: Sophomore Amy Harshbarger creates an interesting shape on a saw horse, which was one of the chosen props for the Spring concert.

Right: Freshman Anne Johnson dances with a ball during the Spring concert. Don't drop it!



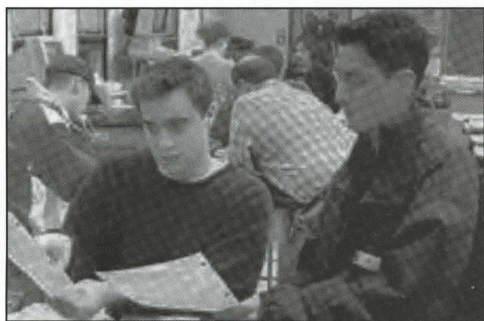
Right: Senior Makayla Bruning strikes a pose away from the barre during the opening piece for the Spring concert.



Left: Freshman Kalleigh Thomas leaps into the air during a piece that was inspired by the changing seasons.

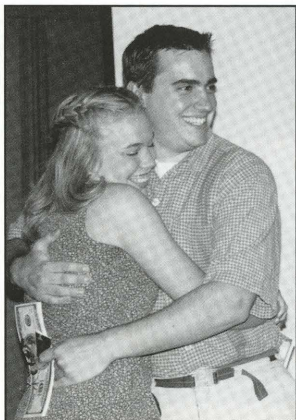


Above: Annie Creswell and Beth Miller discuss a WYSE test



Above: Ryan Rappa and Ashish Shah share notes during a pre-competition preparation time.

Below: Senior WYSE team members Kahla Dean and Ryan Rappa congratulate each other after faring well in competition.



WYSE

First Row: Kahla Dean, Ali Wells, Ryan Rappa, Melissa Smith. Second Row: Luke Durbin, Douglas Borst, Kirsten Bogue. Third Row: Ken Temi, John Shea, Joe Ochiltree, Annie Creswell.

Right: The WYSE Team gathers for a photo after the state tournament.



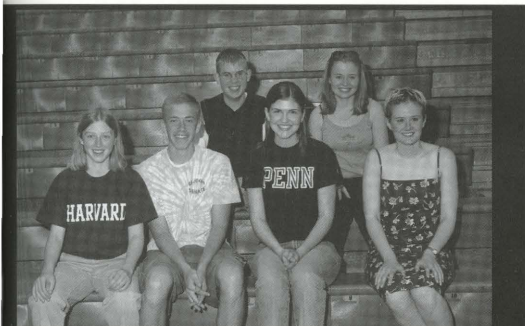
WYSE (Worldwide Youth Science and Engineering) continued their impressive academic feats this year, placing second in state competition and bringing another well-deserved trophy back to U-High.

Tests were administered in seven different subjects--Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering Graphics, Computer Programming and English.

U-High students placed well in all areas, with seniors Kahla Dean, Ryan Rappa and John Shea turning in especially impressive performances throughout the season.

As a team, U-High sailed through the Bradley Regionals and ISU Sectionals, placing first at both. They then traveled to University of Illinois for the State Tournament, where they became state runners-up. Though individual scores were exceptional, "the group is what mattered," said senior WYSE member Ken Temi.



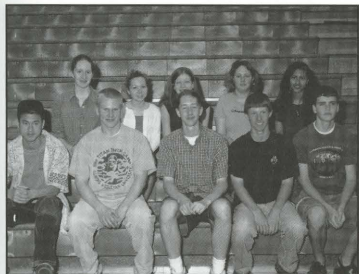


SCHOLASTIC BOWL

First Row: Emily Riehl, Stephen Brokaw, Annie Cresswell, Becky Skaggs. Second Row: Jeff Holbrook, Tessa Somers.



Above: Varsity Scholastic Team relaxes after winning their meet.

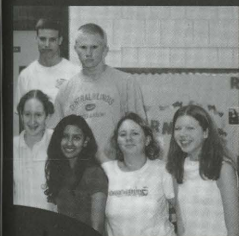


Left: JV Scholastic Bowl Team

First Row: Jeff Nguyen, Reijo Saajasto, Mike Stevens, Ryan Meier. Second Row: Mary Carlson, Jenny Olson, Elizabeth Johnson, Renata Sancken, Trina Karim.



Above: The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team listens to Emily Riehl as she answers a tough question



The Scholastic Bowl team flourished under the strong leadership of Co-Captains Annie Creswell and Emily Riehl during the 2001 season.

The always powerful "Bowlers" put on an impressive show this year, finishing with a 51-18 record and a sectional runner-up title. The team that they lost to--Warrensburg-Latham--went on to become the eventual State Champs.

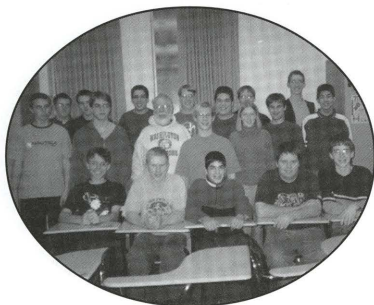
"Scholastic Bowl is a lot of fun. People don't appreciate how exciting tournaments can be," said junior Stephen Brokaw.

On the road to the sectionals, the team garnered recognition for their win at the St. Bede Invitational, their second place finish at the Peoria River Classic, and their first place performance at the first-ever All Women's Tournament, hosted by Central Catholic and Bloomington High School.

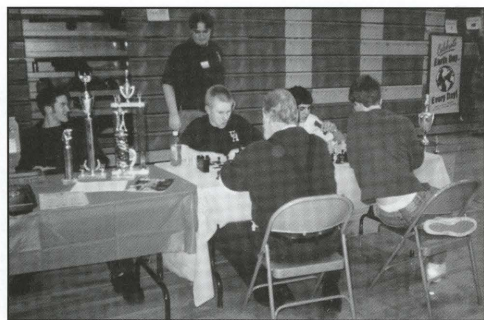
The Most Valuable Player awards were presented to Creswell and Riehl.

Below: JV Scholastic Bowl Team poses for a team picture at the end of the season banquet. Mrs. Pulley was the JV team advisor this year.



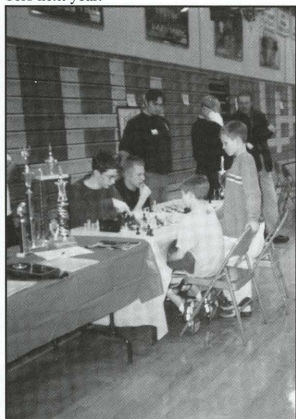


Above: Chess team members gather in the Wellness room for their Christmas party. The party is a chess team favorite as it gives them a chance to enjoy the holiday spirit by playing chess.



Above: Chess team members Reijo Saajasto, Josh Lopez, and their coach battle it out in a tough match at the prospective student open house.

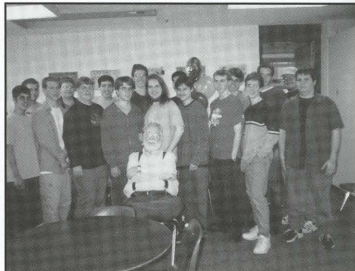
Below: Some prospective Pioneer chess players duke it out with current team members Reijo Saajasto and Dan Willis. The chess team hopes to continue to grow in numbers next year.



CHESS TEAM

First Row: Jon Weber, William Wheeler, Caleb Weidner, Greg Weber, Mike Conte, Emily Riehl. Second Row: Daniel Willis, Dimitri Zinovive, Matthew Conte, Nathan Bogue, Cody Lebovitz, David Robinson.

Right: The chess team gathers together for a photo at the end of their season. The team had another successful season and came together to honor their seniors at the end of the year.



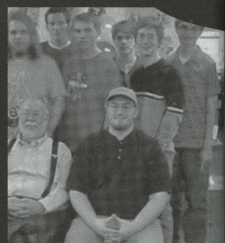
The chess team had another superb season this year. At this year's state tournament, U-High moved up from its 5th place rank to 2nd place in the Final Four Tie-Breaker matchches.

Unfortunately, the team ended up losing to its arch rival, Evanston High School. As a result of their awesome performance, however, U-High captured fourth place overall in the state.

Impressively enough, U-High chess club members recieved more individual awards for excellence than any other school. Greg Weber, Patrick Peregroy, Adam Chambers, Jon and Scott Achelpohl, Joe Ochiltree, Dan Willis, and Paul Fritsch all participated in the Pioneer's great state performance.



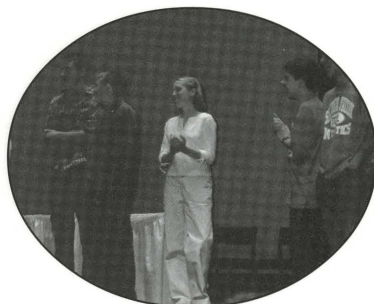
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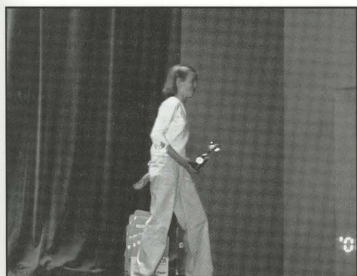


MATH TEAM

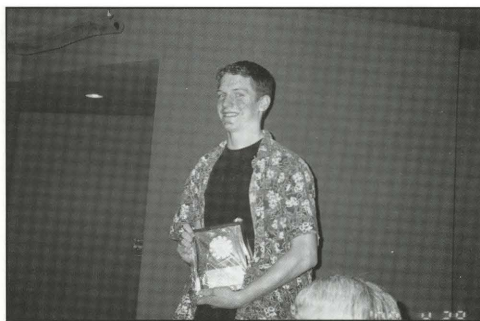
First Row: Stephen Hill, Jill Lubich, Allison Wells, Stephen Brokaw, Stephanie Reynolds, Jessica Rubenacker, Racheal Pridgeon. Second Row: Jason Bower, Paul Fritsch, Kyle Harshbarger, Megan Fitzgibbons, Douglas Borst, David Foster. Third Row: Peter Lamonica, Jeff Nguyen, Mary Carlson, Jennie Wang, Rishi Bhayana, Shondip Chakravarty, Brian Sinn.



Above: Math Team standout Emily Riehl claps for the other members of the team while they receive their trophies at the awards ceremony.



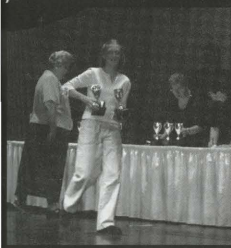
Left: Emily Riehl exits the stage after receiving yet another trophy for her outstanding math skills. Way to go, Emily!!



Above: Junior Kyle Harshberger is not bashful about showing the camera his plaque after the Mahomet-Seymour Tournament.



Math Team



Math Team had another great performance this year, sending several individuals and teams to state.

Teams qualifying for state included Algebra II, Frosh/Soph Eight Person, Calculating and the Junior/Senior Two Person Team. Individual State Qualifiers included Peter Lamonica in Geometry, Ryan Rappa in Pre-Calculus, Emily Riehl in Algebra II, and Emily Riehl and Stephen Brokaw in the Oral Presentation.

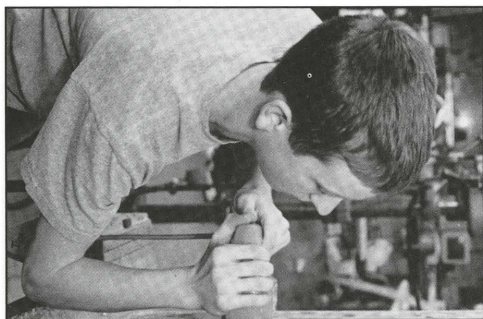
The Math Team took second place at the regional competition, which was held at Illinois Central College, and earned first place at the Mahomet-Seymour Tournament, an honor that they have captured for several years running.

Below: Junior and Math All-Star Emily Riehl shows off her two trophies after another successful math meet. Riehl lead the team to many victories this year.



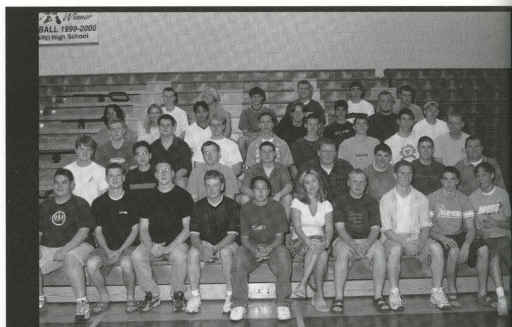
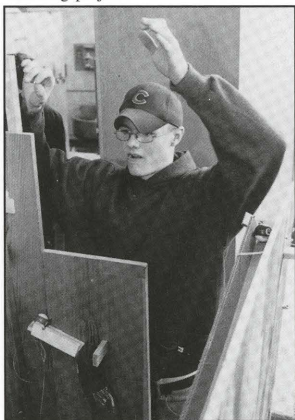


Above: Junior TSA member Zach Drew claps his hands in appreciation of another club project well done. TSA members are very supportive of other members' accomplishments.



Above: Luke Durbin works hard to complete one of the many projects that the TSA was involved in this year.

Below: Josh Becker shows his excitement over the successful completion of his Rube Goldberg project.



TECH CLUB

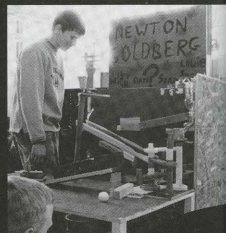
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Right: Neil Pittstick demonstrates to some onlookers as to how his Rube Goldberg works. Rube Goldberg projects are very popular in the TSA.

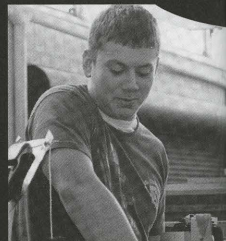


The Technology Student Association completed another successful year. Under the careful guidance of sponsor Brad Dearing and club president Tom Watson, the TSA was able to expand students' appreciation for the technical world around them, as well as have some good times.

In just its second year, TSA racked up numerous awards including sending a Rube Goldberg to the U of I open house and winning every event in the intercity solar car competition. The club also built hovercrafts and networked the tech lab's twenty computers. The group achieved a lot this year and made some fond memories while doing it. Hopefully, the club can look forward to many more years of fun and challenging technological projects.



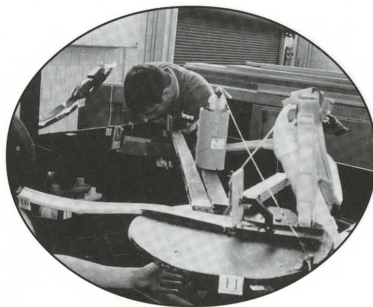
Tech Club



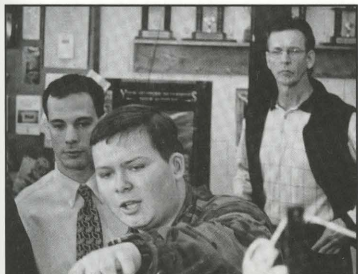


FILM CLUB

First Row: B. J. Farmer, Ashish Shah, Neal Naik, Liz Holt, Matt Shaw. Second Row: Nick Africano, Meghan Reynard, Angie Mentzer, Erin Cunningham. Not Pictured: Filipe Bessa.



Above: Senior Health Brandon leans over to examine part of his Tech experiment that was not working right. Luckily, he got it fixed.



Left: Jeremy Partlow demonstrates his Rube Goldberg to the judges. All the tech students did an awesome job putting together their Goldbergs.



Above: Many U-High students came down to the Tech room to watch the Rube Goldberg competition. Rube Goldberg's are one of the tech students' favorites.



This year, U-High saw the birth of a much-needed Film Club. Senior Filipe Bessa started the club, which screens foreign, independent and classic films, when he realized very few students come in contact with movies outside of the Hollywood-blockbuster strain.

"A lot of students don't even think of a film as an art form, simply because they have no access to quality films," said Bessa. The goal of the club is to introduce students to a diverse selection of films, present information and history on the film, then discuss their reactions. The films are selected by club sponsor Bob Neulieb, Bessa, and a committee of five other students.

"We hope Film Club will continue in years to come by attracting as many students as possible," said Bessa.

Below: Interested students gather to watch freshmen Graham Schenk and Jacob Jolly demonstrate their Rube Goldberg.



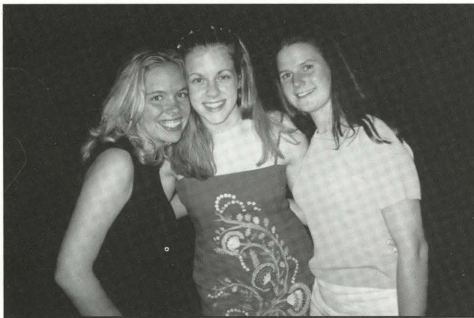


Above: Junior Rebecca Reeser demonstrates some skill on the softball field. Such athletic exploits were what allowed her to join FCA.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

First Row: Ali Wells, Kahla Dean, Jasmine Hunt, Amy Huette, Ann Taulbee, Becky Skaggs. Second Row: Jacob Chiodo, Becky Bier, Josh Michael, Shawn Jennings, Drew Moses.

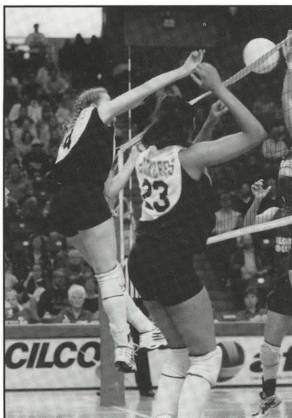


Above: Senior Kahla Dean hugs juniors Ann Taulbee and Rebecca Reeser. The girls were extremely close this year.

Right: Juniors Ann Taulbee and Amy Huette take a quick time-out from FCA activities. All the FCA members greatly enjoyed the Sunday afternoons they got to spend together at the Huette household.



Below: Junior Ann Taulbee leaps in the air and sends the volleyball spinning back over the net as fellow FCA-er Jasmine Hunt looks on.



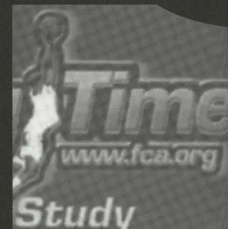
The Fellowship of Christian Athletes was started this year hopes of bringing together Christian athletes to encourage their performances both on and off the field to reflect God and his message to them. This year, like all other years, FCA has been focused on presenting athletes with the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and serving him in their relationships with others.

The group, led this year by Kahla Dean, Drew Moses, Brady Wrezinski and Amy Huette, met every other Sunday at Amy Huette's house with a few regular attendees.

"FCA really wanted to achieve our goals and have a positive influence on not only other athletes but on our peers, coaches, and teachers," said Huette.



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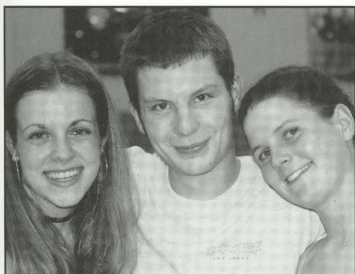


CROSSWALK

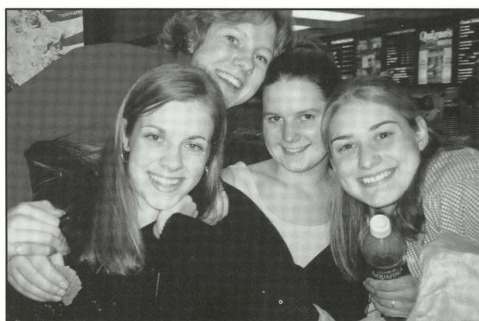
First Row: Beth Harvey, Nancy Oliver, Becky Skaggs, Liz Vivirito, Eric Wilson, Ann Taulbee. Second Row: Ginny Gibson, Jennifer Roberts, Michelle Ball, Megan Dougherty, Colleen Kinsella, Jasmine Hunt, Lindsay Kaupp. Third Row: Mary Carlson, Elise Kaupp, Luke Franks, Alex Idleman.



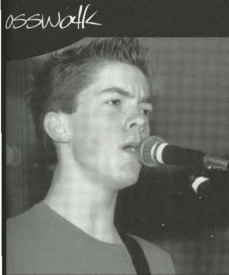
Above: Senior Nancy Oliver and junior Ann Taulbee chuckle as senior Shelley Farnsworth tells a humorous story before a morning Crosswalk meeting.



Left: Ann Taulbee, Luke Durbin and Natalie Reeser are good friends in and out of Crosswalk.



Above: A core Crosswalk group made up of Ann Taulbee, Megan Ferguson, Natalie Reeser, and Nancy Oliver grab a bite to eat.

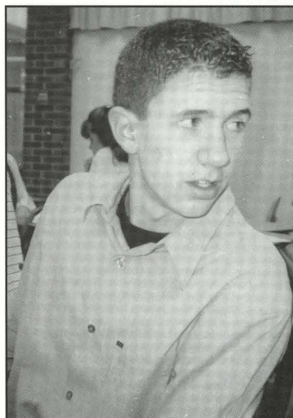


When Crosswalk began last year in the Spring of 2000, it was held on Thursday afternoons and had between four to seven attendees. This year, the biweekly Bible Study came under the direction of new leaders Ann Taulbee and Nate Michael, and with the change came a new meeting time as well: 6:30 in the morning.

Surprisingly, at the first meeting, there were more than twenty people. "It was awesome to see so many people come out, especially since it was so early in the morning," said Taulbee.

The morning Bible Study continued throughout the year, always with quite a few attendees. Taulbee hopes to see continued interest next year.

Below: Eric Wilson responds to a Nate Michael comment during a morning Crosswalk gathering.



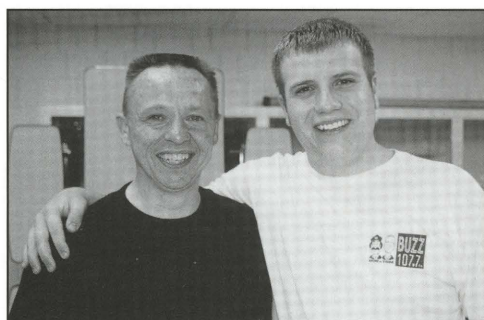


Above: Long-time Connections member Katie Heineman poses for her picture to be placed on the Connections bulletin board.



CONNECTIONS

First Row: Tura Dover, Emily Riehl, Tessa Somers, Michelle Ball, Mary Carlson, Rebecca Wenning, Amanda Donnan, Emily Sexton. Second Row: Jill Lubich, Alison Wells, Lindsey Kaupp, Erin Cunningham, Emily Wahlheim, Kelly Simons, John Kruse, Margaret Breitweiser, Katie Heineman, Asha Baru, Jasmine Hunt, Stephen Hill, Mrs. Dixie Lewis.

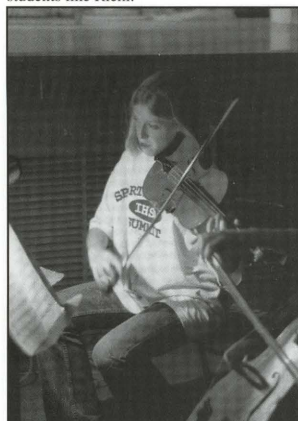


Above: Senior Horizons member Tom Watson takes a moment to have his picture taken with Bruce before leaving on a Horizons field trip.

Right: Horizons members Becky Skaggs, Liz Vivirito, Colleen Kinsella, and Kahla Dean enjoy themselves on a Horizons field trip to Chicago.



Below: Junior Connections tutor Emily Riehl practices her viola before a tutoring session. Connections tutors are usually well-rounded students like Riehl.

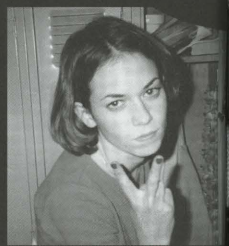


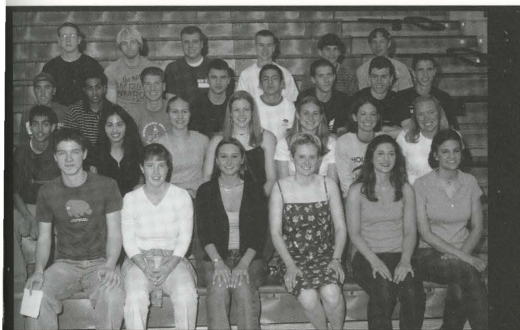
Connections peer tutoring continued to grow and expand its number of tutors this year.

The tutors are a "valuable resource for The Learning Center," said Dixie Lewis, director of U-High's Learning Center and sponsor of the club. She was also pleased with the number of students who are taking advantage of such a service: the constant demand for student-assistance means that peer tutoring is available in almost every subject at various times throughout the day.

Tutors have been used for both the short-term and long-term, and have proven themselves one of the Counseling Center's greatest assets.

"It's a great way for students to reach out and help one another," enthused senior Jasmine Hunt.





HORIZONS

First Row: M. Shaw, A. Gleason, E. Cunningham, B. Skaggs, L. Vivirito, B. Miller. Second Row: A. Baru, A. Baru, S. Farnsworth, A. Taulbee, N. Oliver, J. Bantham, K. Dean. Third Row: N. Naik, A. Shaw, D. Milligan, A. Schrag, D. Reyes, M. Herndon, J. Shaver, E. Wilson. Back Row: J. Shea, A. Orrick, T. Watson, Z. Drew, S. Murray, M. Bauer.



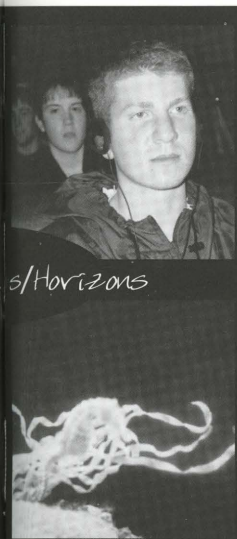
Above: Ashish Shah enjoys the bus ride home after having an exciting time on one of the Horizons trips.



Left: Horizons founder Annie Gleason and Asha Baru wait for the rest of the Horizons members in the corridor of Shedd Aquarium during one of the groups several activities.



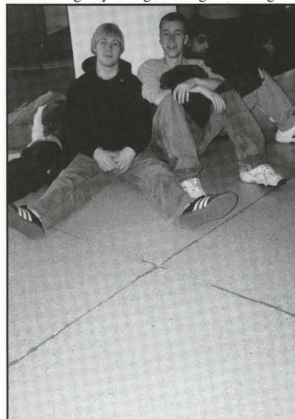
Above: Many Horizons members gather on steps to pose for a picture before heading on to more fun at Shedd Aquarium.



Horizons, a new club formed this year by Erin Cunningham and Annie Gleason, was started as student run organization to allow students to expand their horizons through extra-cirrcular activities. The group took several trips this year to Shedd Aquarium, the Art Institute, and a few concerts.

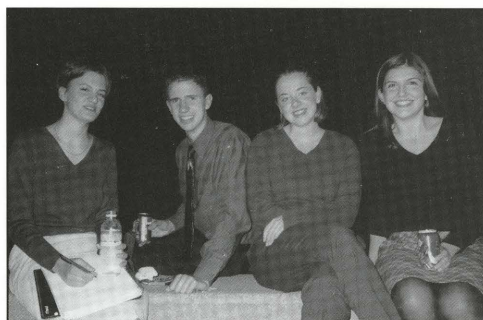
Sponsor Mr. Kinsella said, "The girls approached me with the idea for this club so students could have the opportunity to do things that would expand their horizons." The activities were ones that are not normally part of day to day school activities but that Cunningham and Gleason wanted to themselves and their fellow classmates to experience. Horizons had a large turnout for many of their trips and hopes to continue with those kinds of numbers for next year.

Below: Adam Orrick and Zach Drew relax after a long day of sightseeing in Chicago.



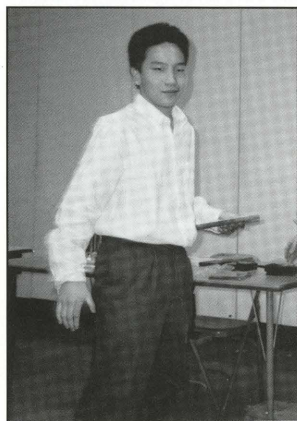


Above: Speech team members Ashley Lackovich and Ali Wells congratulate each other after a great speech meet.



Above: Junior Debate team members relax after another grueling tournament.

Below: Junior debator Jeff Jin accepts one of his many awards for a superb debating performance.



SPEECH

First Row: Jasmine Hampton, Alison Wells, Ashley Lackovich, David Foster, Jessica Rubenacker, Nikita Sorokin. Second Row: Mr. Jim Allen, Kathryn Brown, Justin Palm, Sarah Peters, Sarah Kelch, Jacqueline Rubenacker, Kelly Powell. Third Row: Steven Michaels, Jennifer Dawson, Michelle Ball, Kavita Jayaswal, Ale Idleman, Darren Beverage, Rishi Bhayana.

Right: Junior Annie Creswell explains her argument before taking it in front of the judges.

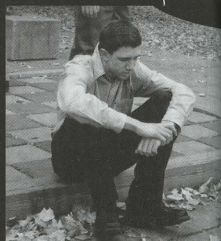


U-High's Speech Team had a successful season with its new coach, FIRST English teacher Jim Allen.

The team competed at six meets during the regular season, tying with Central Catholic for First Place-Small School at the Heyworth Meet.

Members competed in humorous, serious, and dramatic events, ranging from Humorous Interpretation to Dramatic Duet Acting.

Each individual team member advanced to finals from the regional competition, and the team as a whole took fifth place. David Foster, Ashley Lackovich, Jessica Rubenacker, and Ali Wells competed at Sectionals, and Foster advanced to State in Prose Reading.



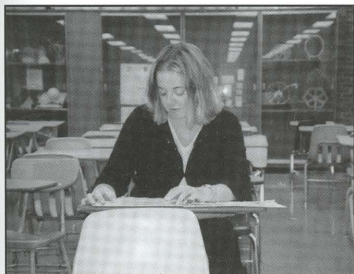


DEBATE

First Row: Stephanie Reynolds, Beth Miller, Jeff Jin, Katherine Clapper. Second Row: Melissa Smith, Joe Ochiltree, Eric Wilson, Leo Buchignani, Brent Claricoates.



Above: Team members Eric Wilson, Jeff Jin, Katie Clapper, Beth Miller, and Annie Creswell finally have a moment to relax and pose for a picture after another successful tournament.



Left: Katie Clapper reviews her notes in preparation for her next debate. Katie was one of the team members this year to earn NFL recognition.



Above: Annie Creswell and Beth Miller practice their debating skills before going in front of the judges.



Debate



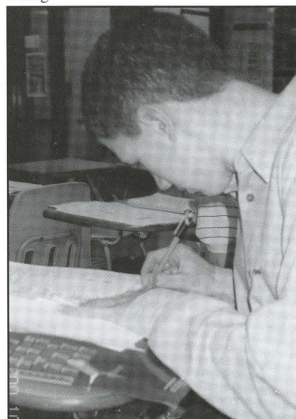
The debate team had another great year.

The debaters put a lot of hard work into preparation for tournaments, and for the first time in many years U-High hosted a debate tournament in the building. All of the team members, along with longtime coach Bob Neulieb, worked feverishly to put the tournament together. Their efforts were richly rewarded, as it was a great success.

The team unfortunately lost two extremely valuable senior members--Stephanie Reynolds and Kurt Conner--to early graduation, but many of the junior members recieved their NFL (National Forensics League) recognition.

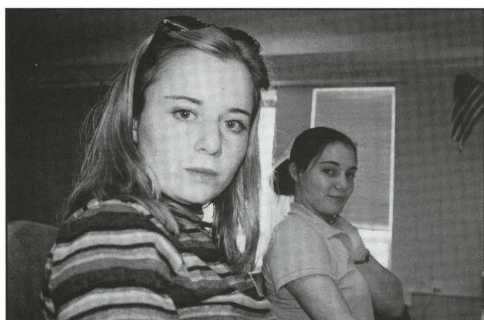
The junior majority on the team bodes well for next year, as the debators approach the season with experience and confidence.

Below: Junior Debate team member Eric Wilson is hard at work doing some important research for his next big debate. Eric really knows his stuff when it comes to debating.



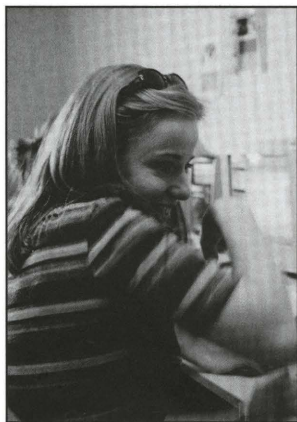


Above: Savannah Duke takes a break from working on *Brome* to think of ideas for her own entries to the magazine.



Above: *Brome and Beyond* Editor Tessa Somers, along with Savannah Duke, works on editing the stories submitted to *B & B*.

Below: Tessa Somers can barely contain her excitement over the finished *Brome and Beyond*. This year's magazine contains some excellent work.



BROME AND BEYOND

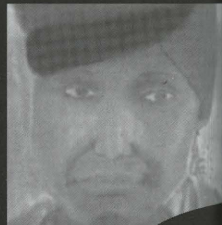
First Row: Becky Skaggs, Kahla Dean, Meghan Reynard, Liz Vivirito, Jessie Bantham, Stephanie Reynolds. Second Row: Mike Manjarrez, Filipe Bessa, Mr. Kathy Clesson, Chris Harding, Nick Africano, Colleen Kinsella, Tessa Somers.

Right: *B & B* sponsor Mrs. Clesson examines another excellent submission to the literary magazine.

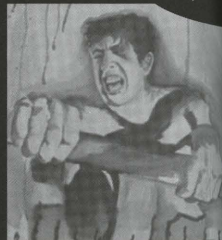


Brome and Beyond, U-High's literary magazine, displays some of the school's best literary and artistic talent. Throughout the year, *Brome and Beyond* collects works from a wide range of students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

All students are encouraged to submit either a piece of writing or art work (see sample art work at right). Selections are then made by the *Brome and Beyond* staff. Serving as the chief editor, Tessa Somers spent countless hours alongside Savannah Duke and sponsor Mrs. Clesson to make sure the magazine would be a success. Their hard work paid off as this year's publication was a smashing success and a credit to U-High student's artistic and literary talents. With the talent that exists at U-High, *Brome and Beyond* will continue to be a success.



Brome and Beyond





CREATIVE WRITING

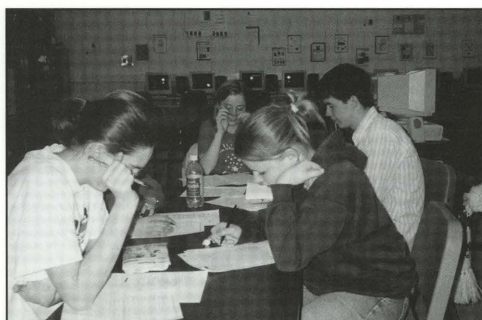
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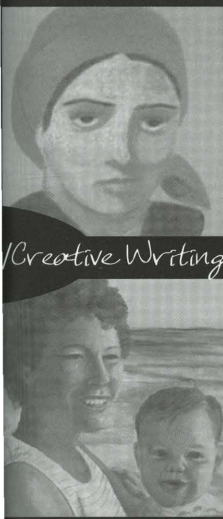
Left: Members of the AP Lit pose for a picture. Many of these English students are involved in both Creative Writing and *Brome*.



Above: Annie Gleason and Shelley Farnsworth enjoy themselves at a Creative Writing meeting. They must be discussing some interesting writing techniques.



Above: Creative Writing members work diligently on their writings in the computer lab.



This year's Creative Writing Club engaged in a variety of activities and programs. During the year, club members not only shared pieces of their own writing with each other, but also heard several guest speakers such as John Firefly and Coach Ware.

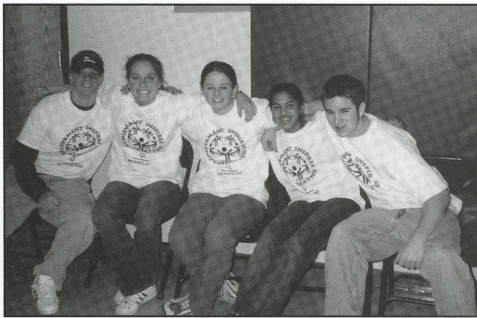
The club used their bi-monthly meetings to talk about different writing styles and techniques. Toward the end of the year, most of the energy of the club was focused on doing editing work for U-High's literary magazine, *Brome* and *Beyond*. Many of the members of the Creative Writing Club submitted their works to the literary magazine, ensuring that it would include some of U-High's finest pieces of writing. The Creative Writing Club hopes to continue the tradition of writing excellence next year.

Below: Tessa Somers, an active member in Creative Writing, reviews some stories during a club meeting. Club members often shared their stories with others.



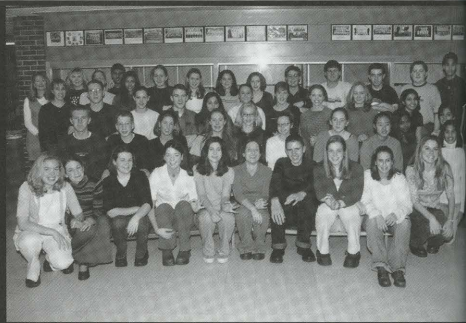


Above: Key Club Members Rebecca Wenning and Katie Clapper help out make sand bottles for decorations for the Key Club convention. This year, U-High's Key Club was in charge of the decorations for the statewide event.



Above: Sophomores Stu Berskens, Rachel Turner, Ellie Sommers, Meghan Naik, and Michael Vivirito take a short break from helping out at the Special Olympics basketball event to pose for a picture.

Below: Amanda Donnan and Mary Carlson work on some baseball pennants to be used as decorations for the Key Club convention. The decorations were awesome!



KEY CLUB

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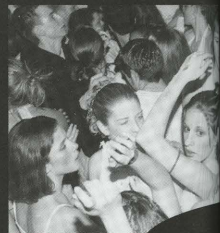
Right: Jenna Reeves, Ericka Holt, Kate Zimmerman, Amanda Donnan and Molly Doran gather together one chilly November morning to rake leaves as a Key Club service project.



Key Club, a national high school service organization dedicated to improvement within the community, has long been a popular activity amongst U-High students.

This year's efforts were focused on the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Convention, held in late March. U-High's club had the responsibility of designing and making over 300 centerpieces and a banner for this large event. "Although it took a lot of time and effort, the results were amazing," said senior co-president Asha Baru.

Key Clubbers also raked leaves in the fall, volunteered for the Special Olympics, did hospital decorations, and sponsored a variety of fundraising events, including a bake sale, car wash, Heart-to-Heart, and a joint project with Senate: the Blacklight Dance, which raised money for Spastics Paralysis.



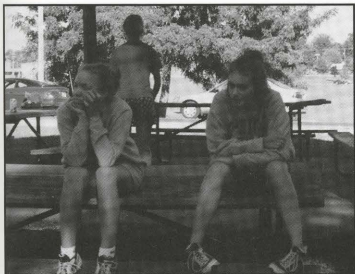
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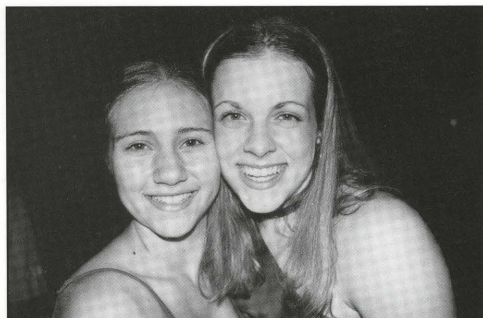
First Row: Stephen Hill, Jill Lubich, Allison Wells, Stephen Brokaw, Stephanie Reynolds, Jessica Rubenacker, Rachael Pridgeon. Second Row: Jason Bower, Paul Fritsch, Kyle Harshbarger, Megan Fitzgibbons, Douglas Borst, David Foster. Back Row: Peter Lamonica, Jeff Nguyen, Mary Carlson, Jennie Wang, Rishi Bhayana, Shondip Chakravarty, Brian Sinn.



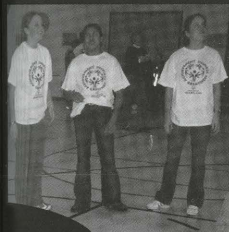
Left: Key Club President Jessica Bantam and Kahla Dean look worn out after raking leaves. No matter how tired Key Clubbers get, they still find ways to help others.



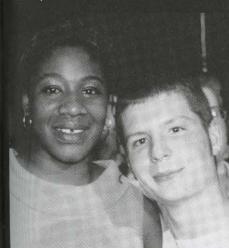
Above: Sophomores Amber and Ericka Klawitter help out Key Club by making decorations for the Key Club convention.



Above: CAPTAINS members Shelley Farnsworth and Ann Taulbee get close for a picture at the close of a CAPTAINS meeting.



CAPTAINS

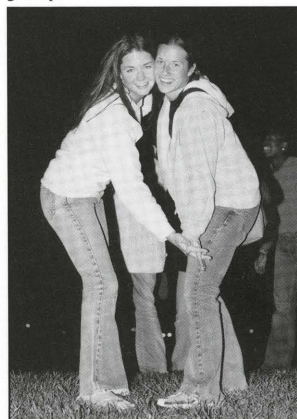


CAPTAINS had a great year. Their Saturday night meetings at the College Avenue Godfather's successfully kept the group on task, organizing various events.

CAPTAINS supported honor roll members by putting posters on their lockers. They also sold weeples during red ribbon week. The most successful event, however, was one that CAPTAINS co-sponsored with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

In March, the two groups joined together to put on an all-school assembly with teen motivational speaker Steve Fitzhugh. He spoke against the pressures peers can impose in high school situations. His personal experiences provided humorous illustrations to deter students from partaking in negative situations. Students definitely responded positively to this CAPTAINS event!

Below: Key Club Service Co-Chairs Meghan Reynard and Katie Heineman are still smiling even after raking leaves all day for the elderly. Helping others really cheers these girls up.



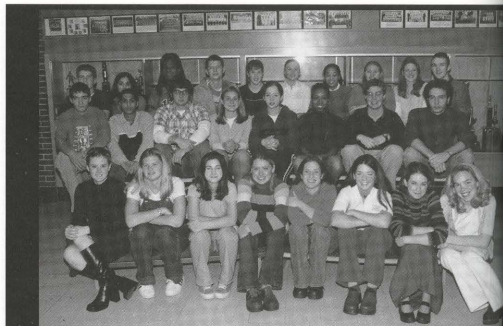
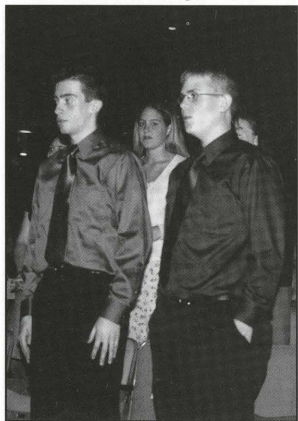


Above: National Honor Society President Meghan Reynard presents Jeff Holbrook with his NHS certificate during the induction ceremony.



Above: Many Mu Alpha Theta Members are National Honor Society Members as well. Here, Asha Baru, Jessica Bantham, and Colleen Kinsella show they are talented in math and at serving punch at the NHS induction.

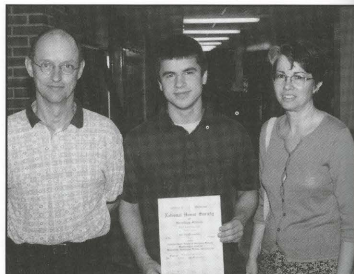
Below: New National Honor Society members / Mu Alpha Theta members Stephen Hill and Jeff Holbrook are recognized at NHS.



MU ALPHA THETA

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Right: New NHS member Andy Schrag shows off his NHS certificate while being congratulated by his parents. Besides being inducted into NHS, Andy was inducted into Mu Alpha Theta as well this year.



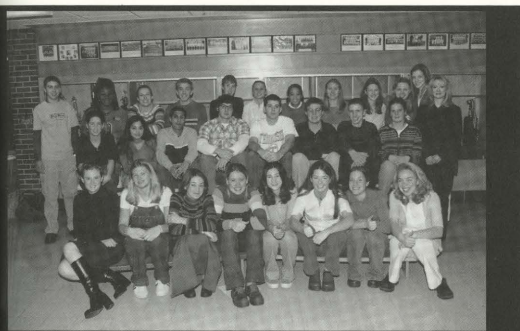
Mu Alpha Theta is a National High School and Junior College mathematics honorary society sponsored by FIRST Math teacher Mrs. Barbara Bills.

This year, the group inducted 44 new seniors and 43 juniors in April. Qualifications for Mu Alpha Theta include an overall GPA of 3.0 or above, a 3.5 math average and enrollment in a course doing Algebra II/Trig level work or higher.

Inductees receive a special seal on their diploma in honor of this achievement. They also stand during the end of the year awards assembly in order to allow their peers to recognize their accomplishments in the field of mathematics.

Senior Mu member Katie Heineman said, "Being in Mu is a great honor. It is a nice way to recognize students' math talents."



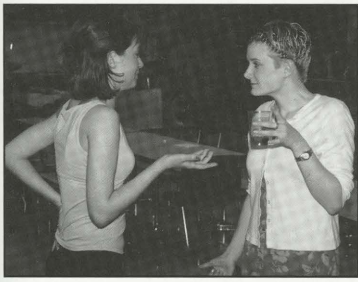


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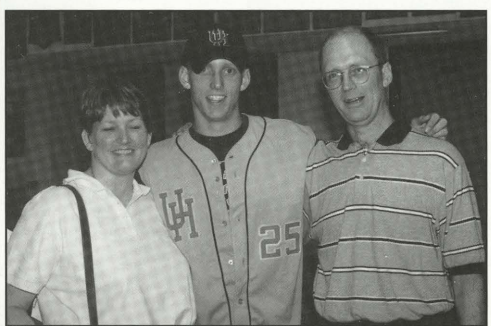
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Above: Kahla Dean lights a candle at the National Honor Society induction. The candles represent the character, service, scholarship, and leadership exemplified by the NHS members.



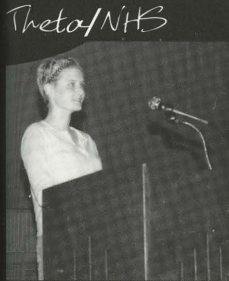
Left: Current NHS members Jessica Bantham and Becky Skaggs engage in a lively conversation after the induction ceremony.



Above: Nate Michael receives congratulations from both his mother and father on being inducted into National Honor Society.



Below: National Honor Society Historian Colleen Kinsella speaks at the induction ceremony. Colleen's work as historian helped with the transition of sponsors.



National Honor Society, an honorary club for those who excel in character, service, leadership, and scholarship, experienced a loss this year when former sponsor Mrs. Cindy Pulley left to pursue her Masters Degree. Her position, however, was not vacant for long, as new FIRST English teacher Mrs. Shyla Anderson quickly stepped in.

Meghan Reynard and Becky Skaggs were elected as NHS Co-Presidents for 2000-2001, and the group scheduled regular meeting times for the third Thursday of every month. Their activities included caroling at Heritage Manor and making Valentines for the nursing home residents.

The Induction Ceremony took place Monday, April 30th, as the group welcomed new members, recognizing them for their outstanding contributions to the school.





Senate



U-High Student Senate had another year jam-packed with activities. New projects included the very successful Winter Ball, which helped raise money for Adopt-a Family, and preparing dinner at Safe Harbor. Other Senate activities included the Silent Auction for St. Jude, fall and spring blood drives, and bringing back the ever-popular Pioneer Palooza.

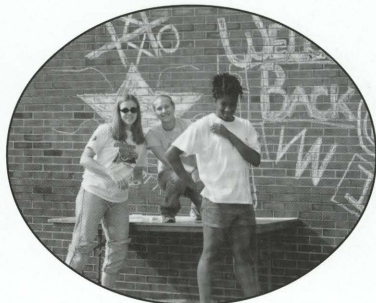
As always, Senate sponsored multiple dances throughout the year. The proceeds from these events often went to charity or towards "good works" in the community or school.

"It was an enjoyable year for me as sponsor," said Mike Sondgeroth. "I was provided the opportunity to work with some wonderful students who knew what it meant to truly be a Pioneer."

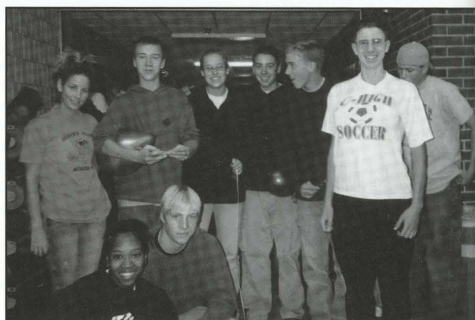


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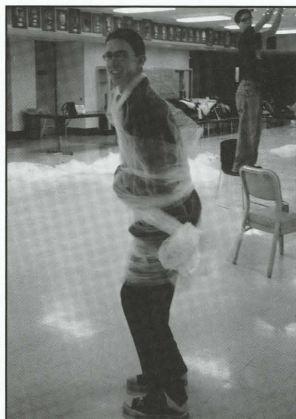
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Above: Ann Taulbee, Shelley Farnsworth, and Ogonna Nnamani decorate the backdrop for the Back to School Dance.



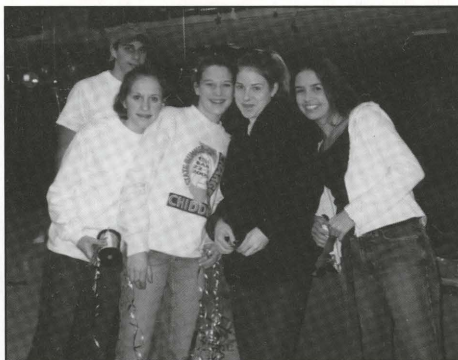
Above: A group of decorators stops for a picture while blowing up balloons for the Winter Ball.



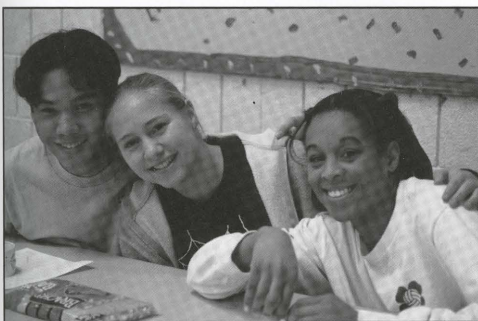
Above: Eric Wilson gets a little carried away with the decorations during Homecoming preparations.



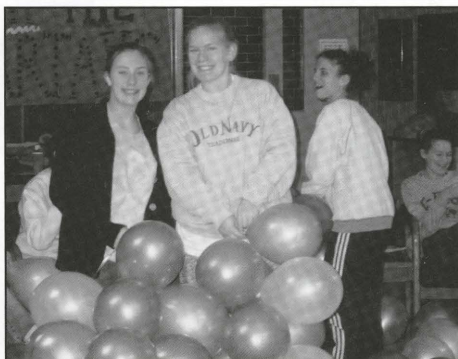
Above: Carly Griswold comforts Nate Michaels while he generously donates blood at a Senate/Red Cross Blood Drive.



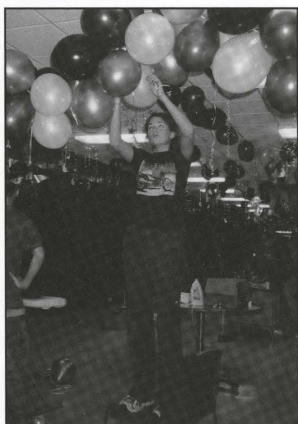
Above: Drue Hocker, Kate Zimmerman, Kelsey Bohling, Jamie Blass, and Jenna Reeves help with Homecoming decorations.



Above: Ken Temi, Shelley Farnsworth, and Jasmine Hunt work at a blood drive handing out food to people who have just donated.



Above: Amanda Donnan and Carley Griswold tie balloons together for the first annual Senate Winter Ball.



Above: Senior Meghan Reynard uses her artistic talent to hang balloons for the Homecoming Dance.



Above: After a hard day of decorating for the Winter Ball, the Senators take some time to get a little crazy and show off their finished product.

Looking Back on ... SPORTS

Right: The Girls Volleyball team raise their hands together after their State Championship.



This year was another great year in sports for U-High as the Pioneers brought home one state championship, one second-place state finish, two third-place state finishes, and two fourth-place state finishes. They also garnered six intercity titles, seven regional championships and five sectional championships.

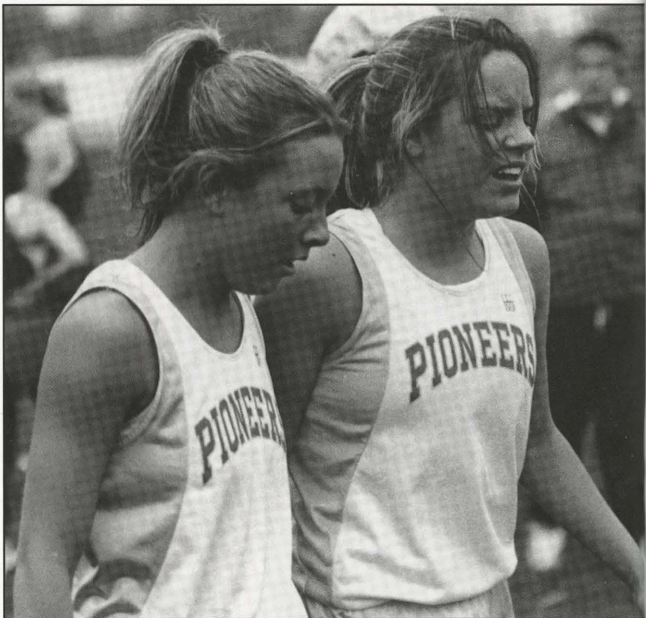
In the fall, the volleyball team picked up right where they left off the previous year, finishing their season across the street at Redbird Arena when they captured their second straight state title. The boys golf team also performed well in state tournament play, where they came in second, and the girls golf team swung into fourth place.

As the snow began to fly, the girls basketball team made huge improvements, ending their season with a well-deserved fourth place state finish.

Various teams, including girls and boys cross country, girls and boys swimming, wrestling, and girls and boys track, qualified individuals for state. Most notably, junior Josh Phillips wrestled his way to third in state.

Spring brought more success for the suddenly powerful girls soccer team, the always dominant baseball boys and the youthful softball players.

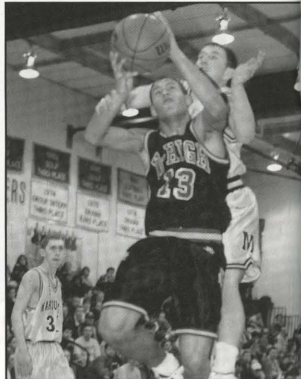
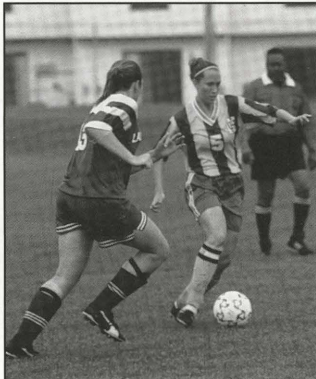
As always, the U-High athletic program was impressive.



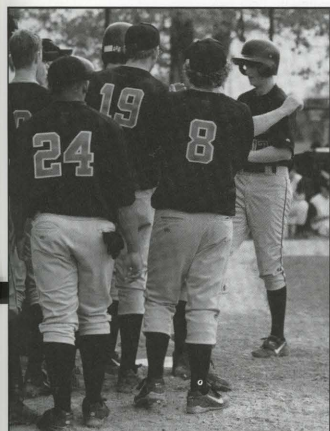
Above Right: After a tough race at the Intercity track meet, senior Lindsey Campos and sophomore Lindsay McReynolds walk the ball to the rest of their team.

Right: Senior Jennie Pinkston looks to pass the ball to a teammate.

Far Right: Junior Drew Watson drives the lane and goes up for a shot as the defender comes over his back to try to block Watson's shot.

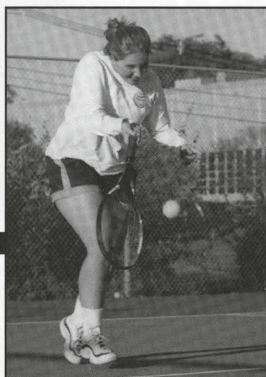


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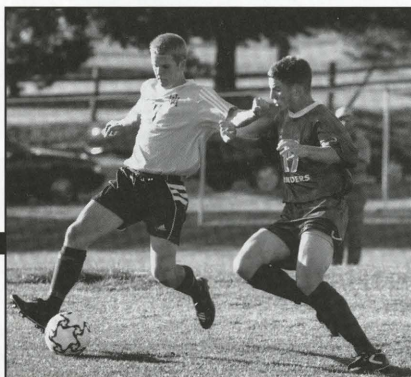


Above: The baseball team congratulates senior Ryan Robb after he hit a homerun.

Below: Senior Maggie Lenart return the ball to her opponent.



Below: Senior Trevor White does all that he can to keep the ball away from the Bloomington defender.

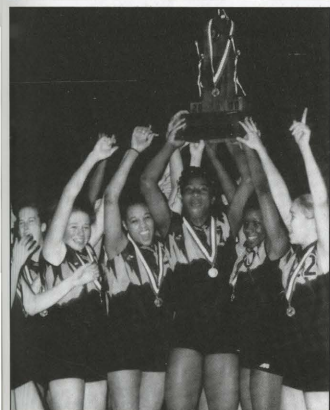


Above: Senior J.T. Thomas accepts the Boys Golf second place trophy at the State Golf tournament along with his teammates.

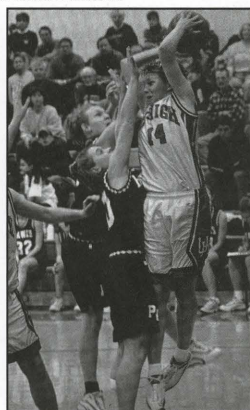
Left: Junior Neak Naik walks off of the green at the State Golf tournament.

Below Far Left: The Girls Volleyball team raise their first place trophy for everyone at Redbird Arena to see.

Below Right: Freshman Ashlee Pistorius looks to make a jump pass as the defender closes in.

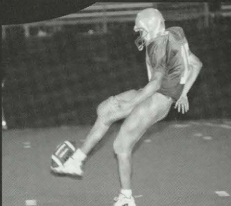
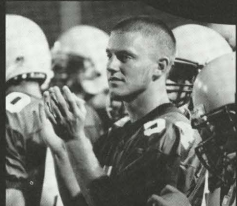


Above: The Girls Basketball team celebrate their fourth place finish at State with their trophy.





FOOTBALL

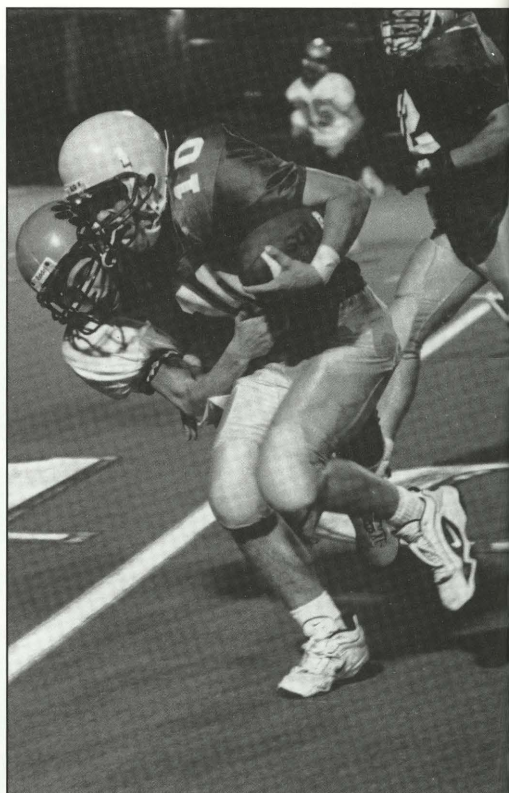


After 1999's disappointing 2-7 record, the U-High football team turned things around, finishing an injury ridden season with a 4-5 record.

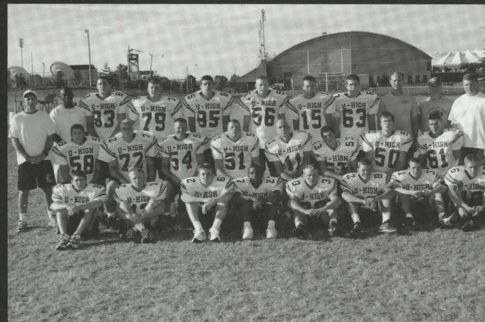
Quarterback Mike Pohlmann, runningback Willie Feagin and wide receiver Drew Watson, all juniors, led the Pioneers' strong offensive game. Adding to the offense was an experienced offensive line consisting of seniors Brad Schweitzer, Ryan Scritchlow and Ben Augspurger.

An excellent defense led by senior linebacker Brad Schweitzer and senior defensive lineman B.J. Farmer and Calvin Kaisner rounded-out the Pioneers' balanced attack.

They were also hit hard by injuries throughout the season. The most serious injury was sustained by Scritchlow, who suffered a broken leg during the Homecoming game, and Schweitzer, who missed games due to an injury from a P.E. class.

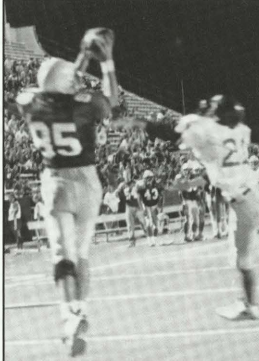


Above: Freshman Nick Chiodo attempts to run for a couple of more yards as Mahomet-Seymour defender tries to pull him to the turf. Although he is only freshman, Chiodo has had a lot of success playing at the Varsity level.

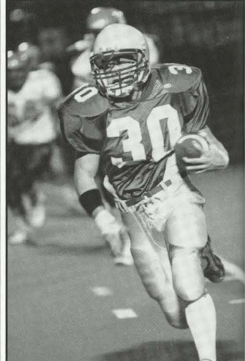


Varsity Football

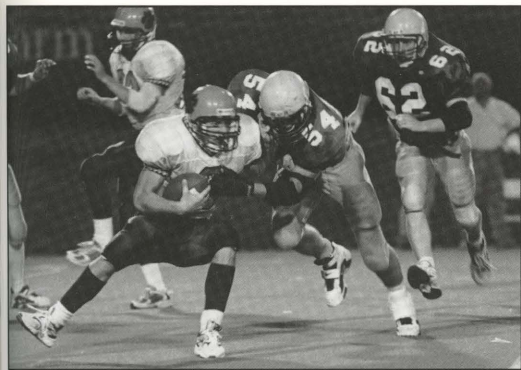
First Row: Matt Anhalt, Mike Pohlmann, B.J. Farmer, Willie Feagin, Josh Phillips, Tanner Shultz, Chase McCoy, Stephen Funk. Second Row: Heath Brandon, Ben Augspurger, Ryan Scritchlow, Brad Schweitzer, Jordan Watts, Hunter Arnold, Jason Crider, Travis Cumpston. Third Row: Coach Kilgore, Coach Ware, John Halm, Sean Carpenter, Jake Chiodo, Calvin Kaisner, Josh Becker, Brad Vesper, Coach Smid, Coach Olson, Coach Miller.



Above: Junior Jacob Chiodo pulls down a touchdown pass.



Above: Junior Josh Phillips turns the corner and heads towards the endzone. The Pioneers had a strong running game this year.

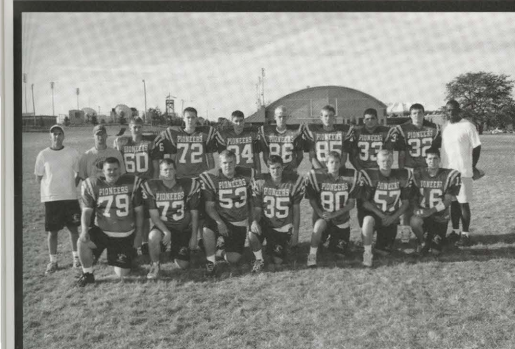
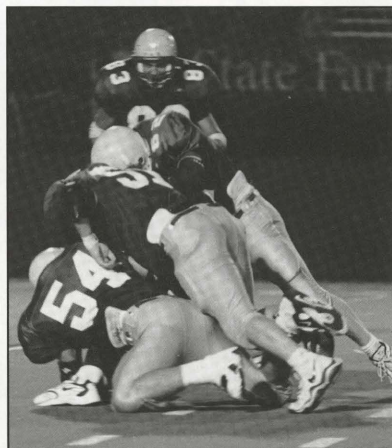
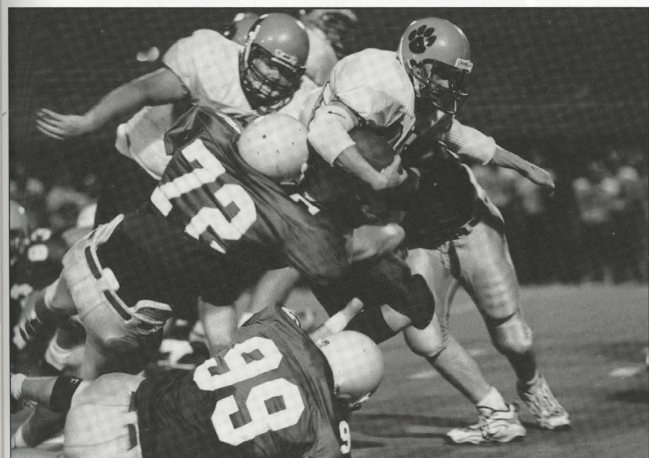
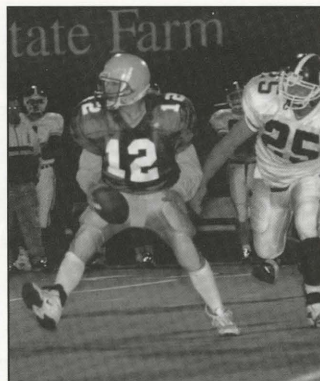


Left: Senior Ryan Scritchlow wraps up a Mahomet-Seymour ball carrier as senior B.J. Farmer comes in to finish the job.

Right: Junior quarterback Mike Pohlmann prepares to pitch the ball.

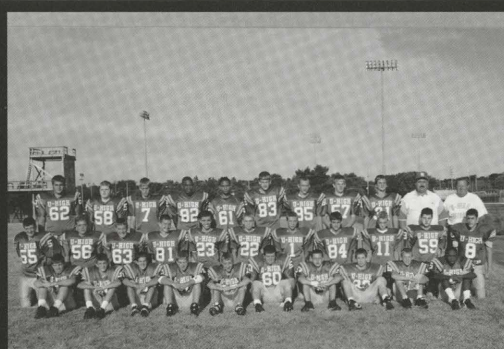
Below Left: Senior Ben Augspurger and junior Jordan Watts bring down a Mahomet-Seymour running back at the line of scrimmage.

Below Right: A group of U-High defenders swarm to Mahomet-Seymour ball carrier



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

First Row: David Stiles, Erik Schroeder, Nick Rappa, Mike Vivirito, Dan Augspurger, Miles Scritchlow, Tyler Shoemaker. Second Row: Coach Kilgore, Coach Olson, Justin Lomelino, Justin Price, Brad Bandy, Nick Gottsacker, Nels Pederson, Eric Palomino, Peter Meisner, Coach Ware.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

First Row: Alex Idleman, Louie Williams, Devon Solomon, Ryan Huette, Kyle Donnelly, Tommy Cotton, Erick Hoepner, Josh Kossman, Dillin Caplinger, Jarrod Rayford. Second Row: Michael Butts, Jacob Jolly, Andrew Hall, Evan Watts, Jason Davis, Pat Carroll, Michael Whalen, Seth Brandon, Justin Bantham, Shane Irvin, Nick Chiodo. Third Row: Brady Wrezinski, Zach Truty, Will Powell, Jeremy Foster, Evan Kapanga, Justin Berry, Adam Kaufmann, Caleb Phillips, Alex Leach, Coach Sondergroth, Coach Gault.



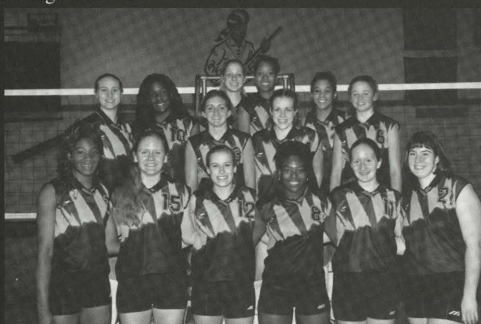
VOLLEYBALL



After a wonderful season last year, in which U-High's volleyball team won the State Championship, the girls came back to win it all again. "It was a great time, and the best way to end a high school career," said senior Paige White. Many of the players felt the same way, as seven seniors prepared to move on next year.

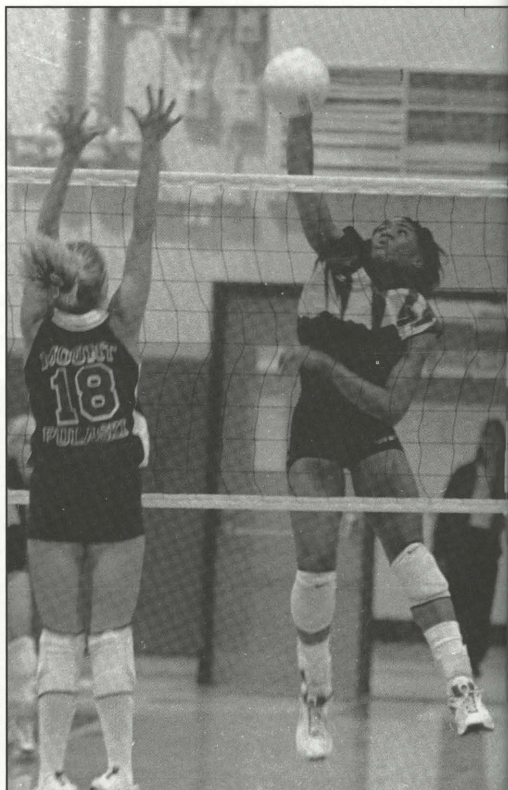
This year's team was not only an incredibly talented group of girls; they were also a very close family. "Everyone on the team loves one another, I couldn't imagine a better group of friends to share this experience with," said senior Jasmine Hampton. This family had to come together to win this year's state championship. "It came down to the two predicted teams in the state. No team dominated the other; it was an all out fight to the finish," said head coach Char Lehnan. "And I didn't see the same team I saw last year, I saw a more confident and excited team with no fear."

This volleyball season will definitely be one to remember, with all the great fan support, incredible play, and the outstanding end result.

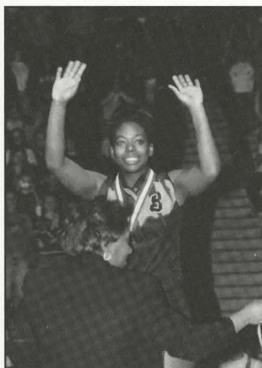


VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

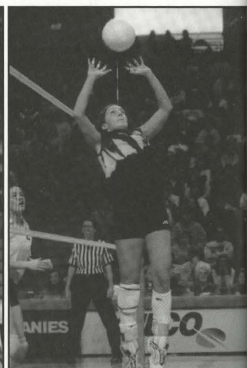
First Row: Ogonna Nnamani, Mary Risius, Ashley Lackovich, Paige White, Mary Carlson, Jill Cooper. Second Row: Shelley Farnsworth, Njideka Nnamani, Anne Butts, Ann Taulbee, Jasmine Hunt, Ellie Somers. Third Row: Wendi Roesch, Jasmine Hampton.



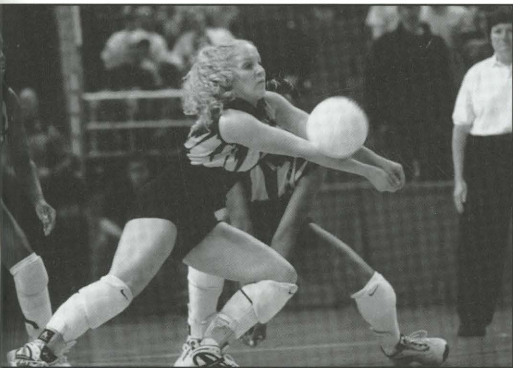
Above: Senior Ogonna Nnamani goes up for a kill during a home match again Mount Pulaski. Nnamani will play college volleyball at Stanford.



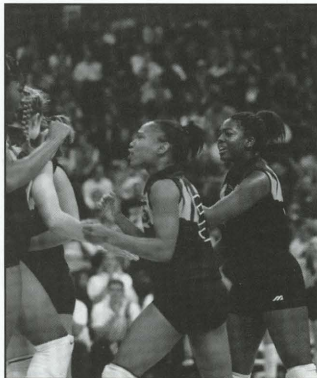
Above: Senior Paige White reacts after receiving her medal, raising her hands to the large U-High crowd.



Above: Junior setter Anne Butts pops ball into the air. Butts made it possible for her teammates to lay down kills throughout the year with her setting skill.



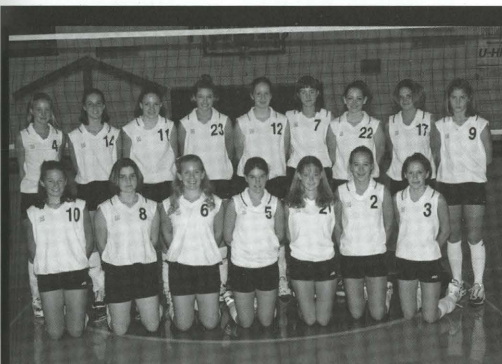
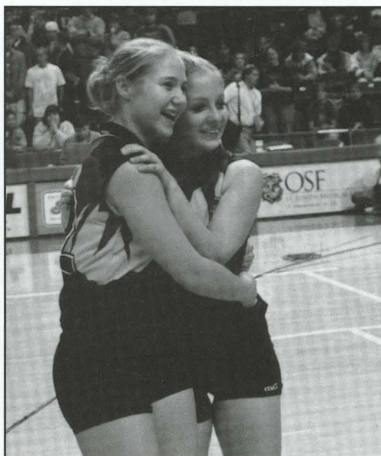
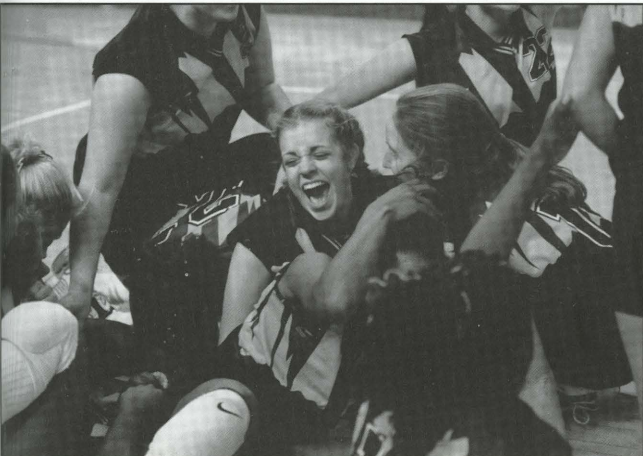
Left: Senior Wendi Roesch stretches to make a dig during the State Championship match.



Right: Seniors Jasmine Hampton and Paige White congratulate senior teammate Ogonna Nnamani.

Below Left: Junior Ann Taulbee and teammates celebrate their win over Wheaton St. Francis by swarming onto each other.

Below Right: Seniors Shelley Farnsworth and Wendi Roesch embrace after winning the State Championship.



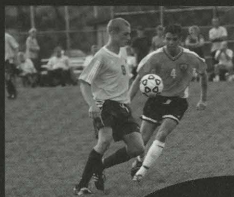
JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

First Row: Ellie Somers, Miriam Gebhardt, Carly Griswold, Sage Gosch-Braun, Jamie Johnston, Lauren Lackovich, Kate Zimmerman. Last Row: Megan Lynn, Samantha Slama, Morgan Ferguson, Aly Becker, Mary Carlson, Cali Cooper, Meredith Mercier, Allison Lynn, Erin Moore-Ruddy.

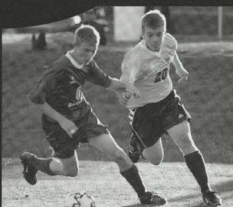


FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

First Row: Rachel Joseph, Kate Zimmerman, Kelsey Bohling, J.C. Katz, Jenna Reeves, Ashley Stultz, Ericka Holt, Whitney Thomas. Last Row: Ali Reed, Lauren Lackovich, Jennifer White, Rachel Severson, Cali Cooper, Breanne Creed, Molly Mizer, Emily Madsen.



BOYS SOCCER



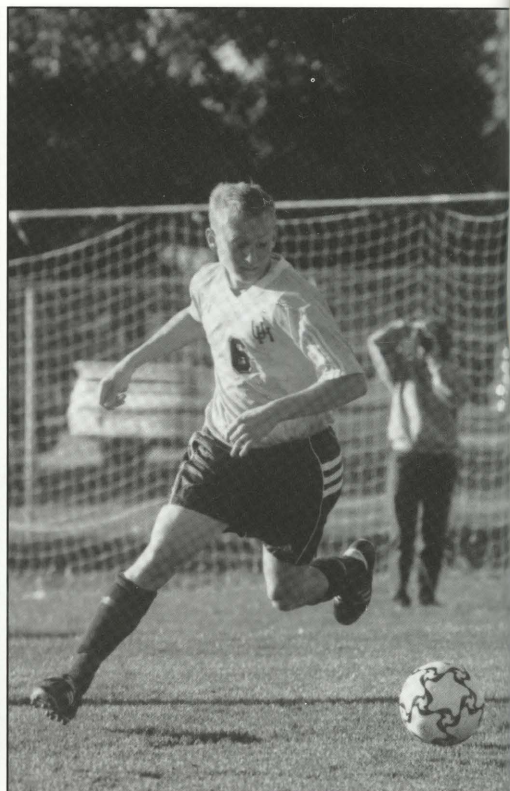
Each year at the beginning of the season, the boys soccer team makes a list of goal and expectations. This year's goals were to lose no more than four games, capture the Intercity Title, and, as always, go to State. Unfortunately, one of these was not to be.

U-High tied West in a shaky first game of the season. They then went on to beat Normal Community and Bloomington to clinch the Intercity Title after Normal beat West.

The experience of 12 upperclassmen blended well with the talent of ten underclassmen and proved to be a good combination. "This was one of the most balanced teams that I have ever coached at U-High," Coach Bodo Fritzen said.

Two distinguished players were Senior Captain Ryan Singer, who was named to the All-State team, and Junior Adam Hage, U-High's leading scorer and an All-Sectional pick.

In almost a repeat of last year's performance, the Pioneers would fall short of State by one game. Trailing Charleston by one throughout the first half, U-High tied it up with 8:13 remaining and lost the shootout 2-1, finishing a respectable 17-3-3.

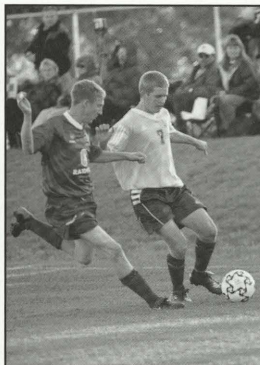


Above: Senior Mike Szarek charges towards the ball during one of the last games of the season.

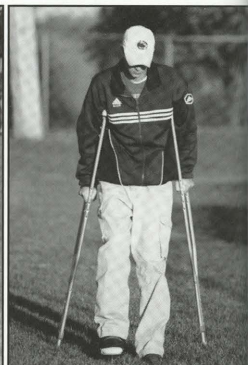


VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

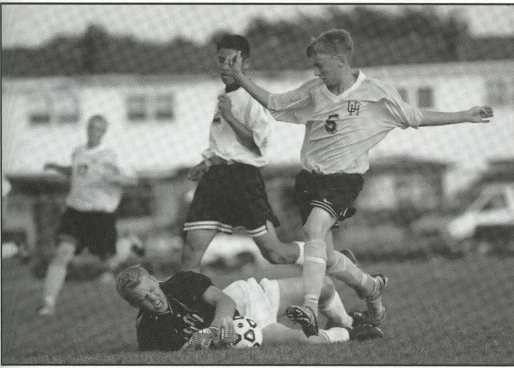
First Row: Trevor White, David Reyes, Zach Gilmore, John Solberg, Josh Hunt, Alex Orr, Chris Miller. Middle Row: Brandon Adkins, Cory Yontz, Bryan Corcoran, Ryan Singer, Aaron Thomas, Mike Szarek, Sean LaBounty, Stuart Beurskens, Shahin Murray, Bodo Fritzen. Third Row: Jon Fritzen, Kyle Yontz, Tom Fenger, John Kruse, Matt Allen, Adam Hage, Chris Spong, Shawn Jennings.



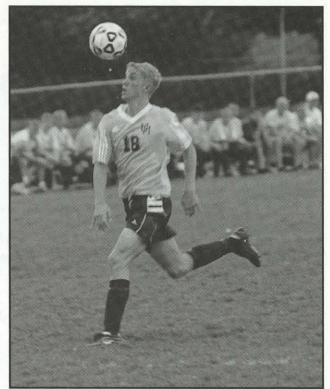
Above: Senior Trevor White uses some fancy foot work to keep a Bloomington defender from the ball.



Above: After taking two years off, senior Matt Allen returned to soccer. He played a major role on the team until he broke his leg during a game.



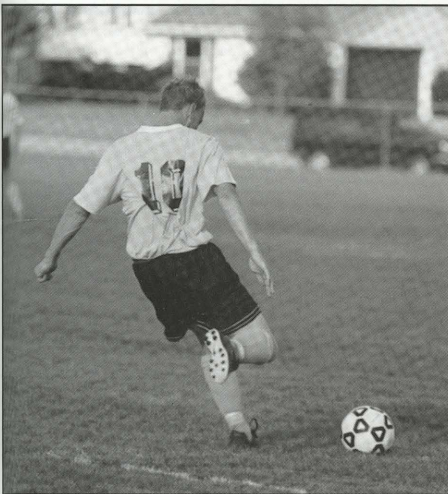
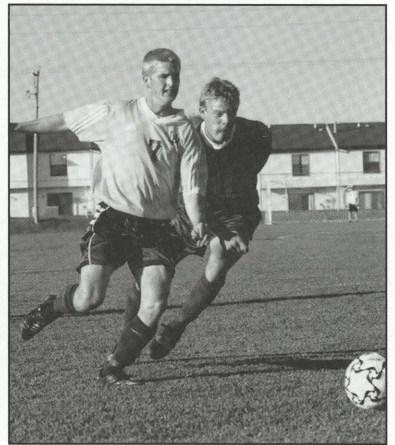
Left: Freshman John Solberg avoids a goal keeper after attempting a shot.



Right: The leading scorer for 2000, junior Adam Hage, heads downfield with the ball.

Below Left: Sophomore Cory Yontz heads the ball down field.

Below Right: Senior Trevor White races towards the ball with a defender from Bloomington in hot pursuit.



Bottom Left: Senior Chris Spong takes a goal kick and puts the ball into play during the Intercity tournament.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

First Row: David Reyes, Erik Eddington, Adam Wintersteen, Sam Killian, Jeremy Maubach, Zach Gilmore, Nick Adams, Justin Hinshaw. Back Row: Brandon Adkins, Bryan Corcovara, Justin Schilanski, Shawn Jennings, Kyle Yontz, Ryan Comfort, Stuart Burskins, Chris Miller, Dave Strong.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



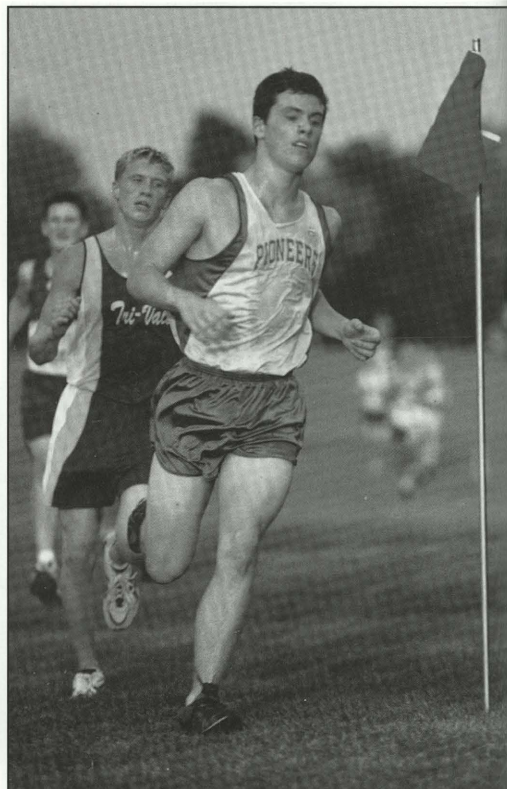
This year's cross country team had a very successful year, led by the experience of junior MVP Ben Witte. They placed ninth in the state tournament and also brought home the Cornbelt, Regional, and Sectional titles.

The team was relatively young, its top seven runners consisting of two juniors, one sophomore, three freshmen, and lone senior Chris Johnson.

Coaches Parsons and Hampton definitely enjoyed their time with these enthusiastic young men.

"This was an extremely fun group," said Parsons. "During practice, there is no distinction between varsity and JV, and each runner worked very hard and had a good time."

When asked what can be expected for next year's team, Parsons replied: "We always plan to improve."

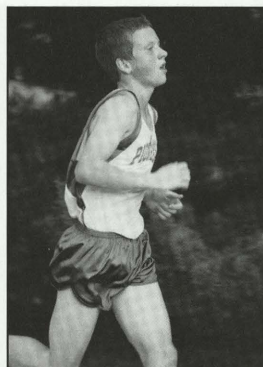


Above: Junior Jake Shaver speeds up as he rounds the corner. Shaver was vital part of the team's post-season performance.

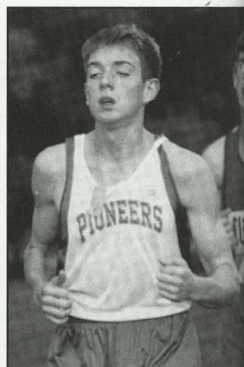


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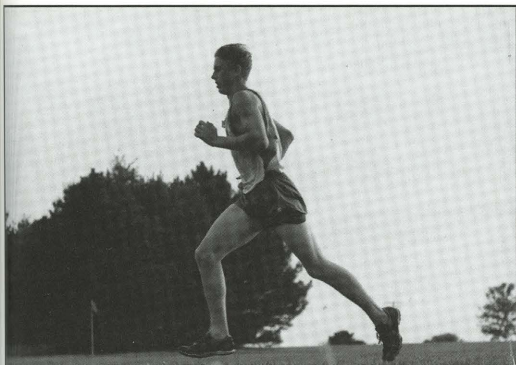
First Row: Brett Barbour, Jarell Chavers, Christopher George, Brian Sinn, Nick Shaver. Second Row: Coach Hampton, Coach Donovan, Coach Powell, Matt Martin, Jacob Shaver, Chris Johnson, Coach Parsons.



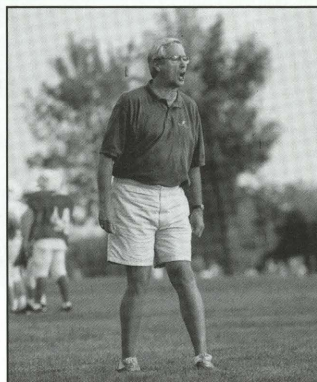
Above: Nick Shaver concentrates on breathing as he runs through Fairview Park.



Above: Christopher George stays ahead of his Clinton competitor in an effort to bring U-High a victory.



Left: Junior Ben Witte stretches it out during a cross country meet.



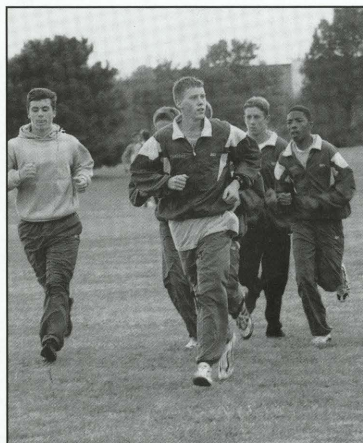
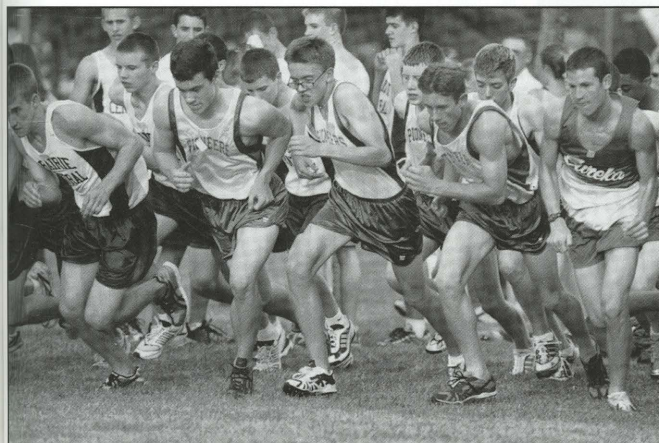
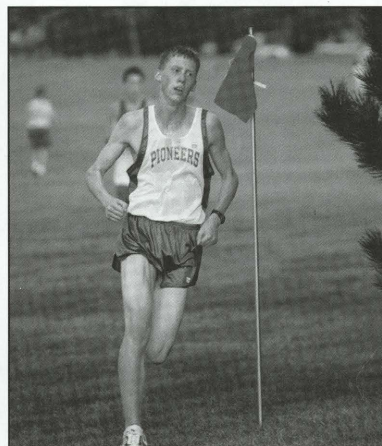
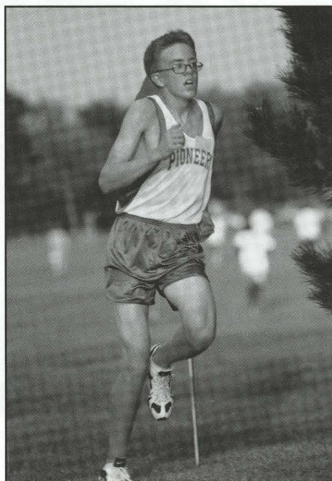
Right: FIRST teacher and first-year assistant coach Jerry Parsons yells encouragement to the runners.

Right: Sophomore Matt Martin rounds the corner and heads down the home stretch.

Far Right: Chris Johnson gives it his all as he demonstrates his running ability during a meet. Johnson was the lone senior on the team this year.

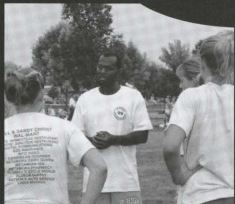
Below Left: The U-High runners attempt to get ahead of the pack after the starting gun goes off. Hampton always advises his team to jump on their opponents.

Below Right: Jacob Shaver, Chris Johnson, Ben Witte and Jarell Chavers warm up before their meet.





GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



The 2000 season was nothing if not successful, as the girls cross country runners fought off their competitors and made their way to state as a team for the second consecutive year. Coach Hampton, along with Assistant Coaches Parsons, Donovan and Powell, helped this talented group of girls pull together, strengthening "family" bonds.

Discipline was key, as the girls ran several miles a day and had workouts in the weight room. Junior Emily Riehl was the team's top runner, with senior Lindsey Campos close on her heels. Both were named All-State runners, placing in the top 25 as individual finishers. Campos made her fourth and final appearance at State this year. "I couldn't have done it this well without Emily," she said. "She really has pushed me throughout the year."

Overall, the team came in ninth at State. "It's a lot of work, but it's fun and worth it," said junior Maggie Ummel.

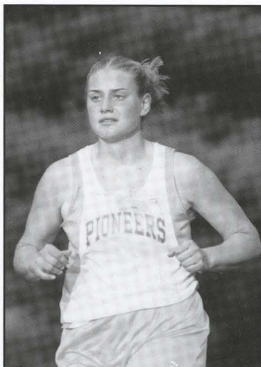


Above: Senior Annie Gleason runs with the competition at the Intercity Cross Country meet. In her fourth year as a runner, Gleason was a very important part of the varsity team.

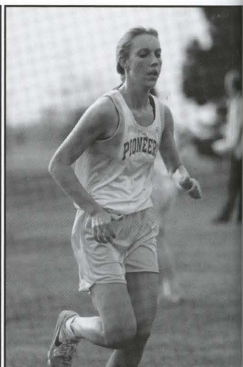


GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

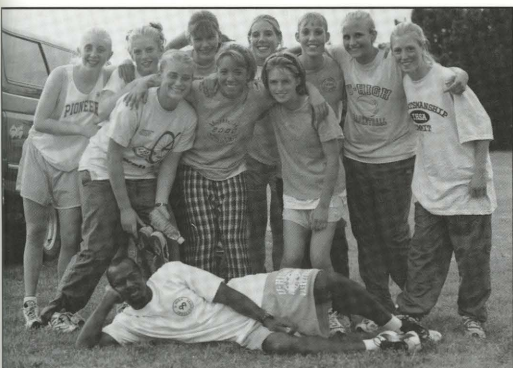
First Row: Coach Donovan, Lindsey Campos, Brittney Kirstner, Brianna Gallo-way, Emily Riehl, Nancy Oliver, Annie Gleason, Kaetlin Merriman, Coach Hampton. Second Row: Coach Powell, Maura Styczynski, Rebecca Reeser, Betsy Ummel, Erin Wiese, Maggie Ummel, Amanda Curtis, Coach Parsons.



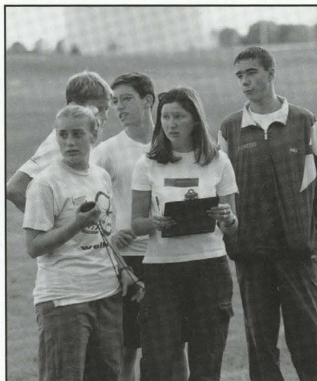
Above: Senior Nancy Oliver going the distance.



Above: Amanda Curtis makes her way through the competition.



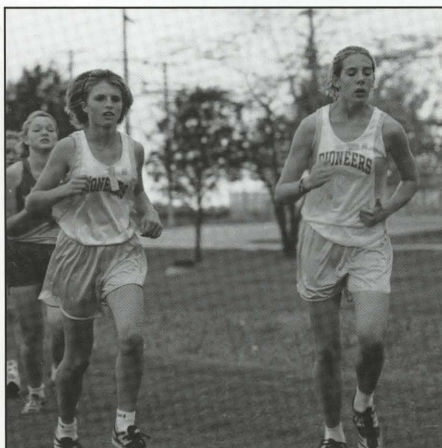
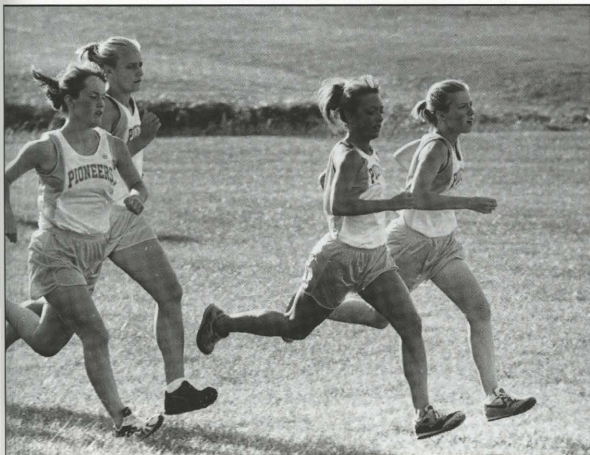
Left: The Girls Cross Country team along with their beloved Coach Lester Hampton.



Right: Seniors Erin Weise and Nancy Oliver, along with members of the boys Cross Country team keep track of the teams progress during a meet.

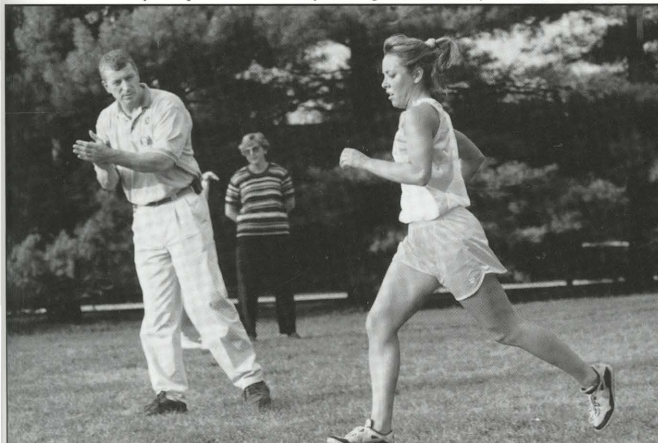
Below Left: The girls Cross Country team in full stride as they warm up for a meet

Below Right: Freshman Brittney Kirstener and Maura Styczynski keep up the pace.



Below: Senior Lindsey Campos is cheered on by a U-High Cross Country fan.

Below: Senior Lindsey Campos looks back at the competition as junior Emily Riehl looks towards the finish.



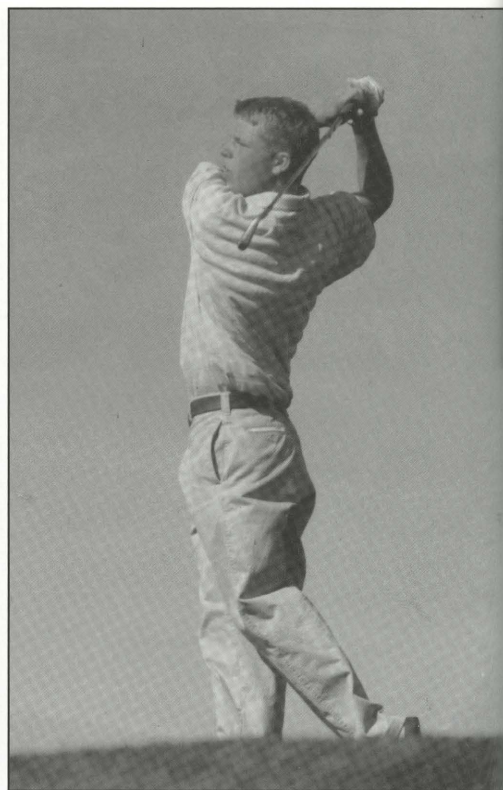


BOYS GOLF



The boys golf team enjoyed much success this season. They went all the way to State, where the team finished in the runner-up spot. This was from a team that includes only one senior, four juniors, and one sophomore. Jordan Carpenter, a junior, finished the highest at state, placing fourth overall. Other upperclassmen pulling through for U-High were senior J.T. Thomas, and juniors Tanner Morris, Dustin Wickenhauser, and Neal Naik. All members, excluding Thomas, will return next year to try and bring back a State Championship. The lone underclassman, Brad Molitor, also came up big. He consistently shot well and gave the team a strong sixth player to complete their team.

With a second place finish this year, and five of six returning golfers, next year is looking up for U-High's boys golf.

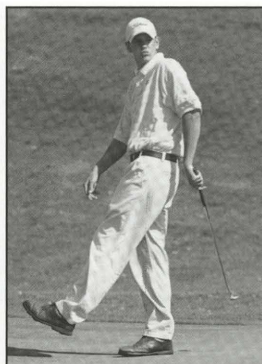


Above: U-High finished the State tournament in second place led by lone senior J.T. Thomas.

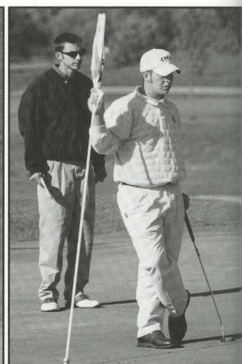


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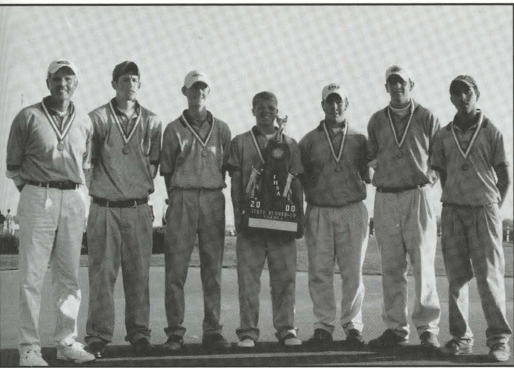
First Row: Drew Moses, Ryan Meier, Doug Simpson, Brad Wichman, Dan Milligan. Second Row: Mike Smith, Justin Trana, Brad Molitor, Mike McCullough, Stephen Brokaw, John Higgins, Matt Lyons, Tanner Morris. Third Row: Assistant Coach Cullen, Head Coach McQuary, Dustin Wickenhauser, John Muir, Justin Smith, Jordan Carpenter, Andrew Johnson, JT Thomas, Assistant Coach Lane.



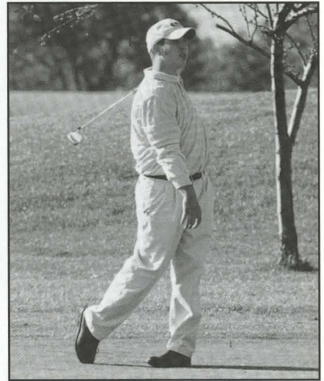
Above: Junior Jordan Carpenter tries to get his putt to break towards the hole.



Above: Junior Tanner Morris holds the flag while waiting for the other members of his group to finish the hole.



Left: The Varsity Golf team along with their Coach, John McQuary pose with their second place trophy at the State Tournament.



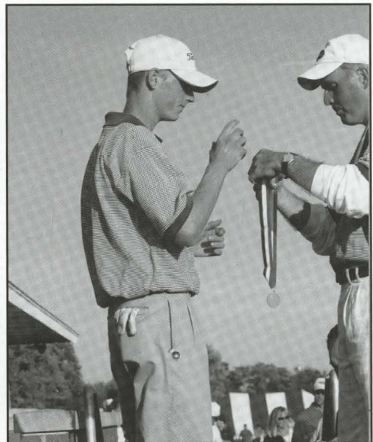
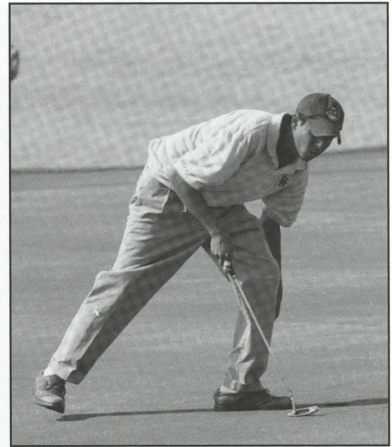
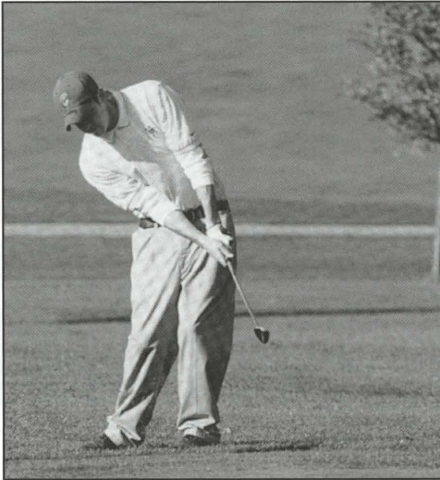
Right: Junior Tanner Morris watches as his shot sails toward the green at Prairie Vista Golf Course.

Far Right: Junior Neil Naik lunges to watch his ball drop into the cup at the State Tournament.

Right: Junior Dustin Wickenhauser takes a shot out of the rough during the State Tournament.

Below Right: Coach John McQuary presents sophomore Brad Molitor with his second place medal at State.

Below: Senior J.T. Thomas and his teammates celebrate receiving their second place trophy at the State Tournament.





GIRLS GOLF



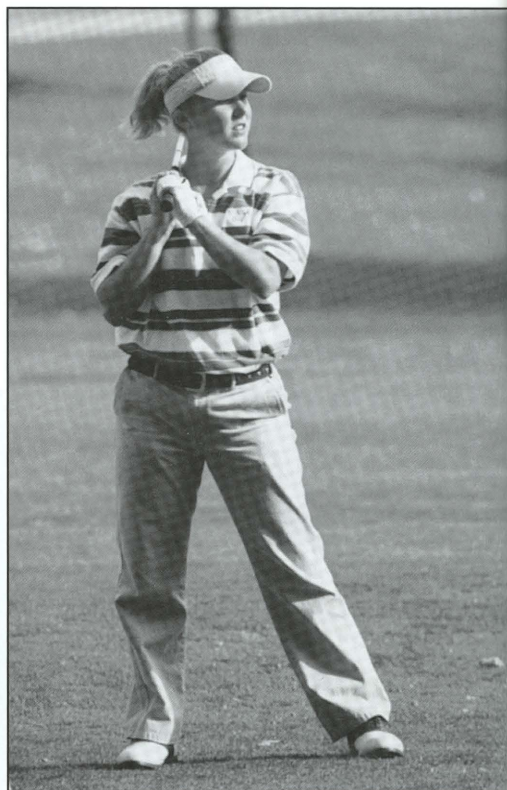
What are some important skills if one wants to be a good golfer? Concentration, expertise, and dedication are the elements that helped the girls golf team swing into a successful season.

After placing first in the Livingston County Tournament and winning Intercity and the Cornbelt Conference for the fourth time in a row, the girls set their sights on the Regional Title. This was quickly captured, and the team moved on to State. This success was the result of hard work in practices and the excellent finishes of senior pros Cally Eckols and Lyndsey Milligan.

"I am very proud of the girls in how they handled the pressure of competing. By not having a home golf course to practice at, it made it a little more tough," said Girls Golf Coach Cal Hubbard.

They placed fourth overall in State, with Eckols placing third individually. "Going into a big tournament like state, I told the girls to hit one shot at a time, don't let one shot affect your whole game. Just do your best," said Coach Hubbard.

"It's my last year of golf and I had some memorable experiences that I will never forget," said senior Lyndsey Milligan.



Above: After taking a shot out of the fairway senior Lyndsey Milligan watches her ball reach the green.



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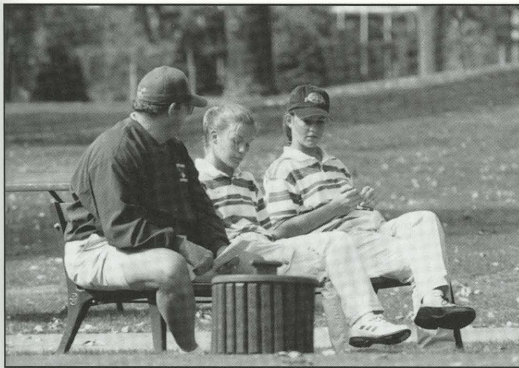
First Row: Teryn Brown, Kelly Morris, Lyndsey Milligan, Nicki Oshinski, Meghan Naik. Second Row: Allison Riddle, Cally Eckols, Abbey Graves, Coach Hubbard, Stephanie Bandy, Emily Ranney, Audra Humphreys, LeAnn Smith.



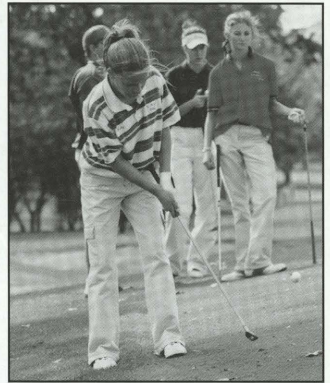
Above: Sophomore Emily Ranney watches her tee shot on the last hole at Bloomington Country Club



Above: Sophomore Emily Ranney takes a shot out of the sand trap during the State Tournament.

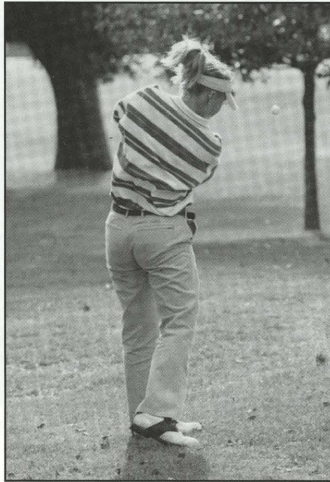


Left: Freshman Kelly Morris and Sophomore Emily Ranney take time to relax during the State Tournament.

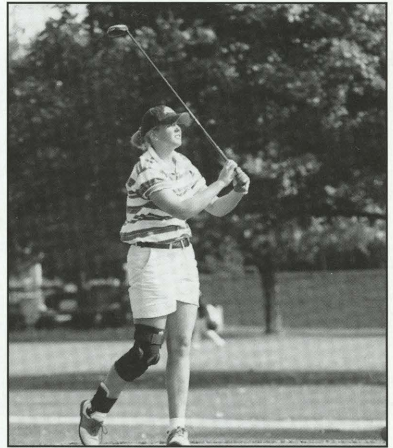


Right: Freshman Kelly Morris chips onto the green.

Right: Senior Lyndsey Milligan's shot is straight ahead.

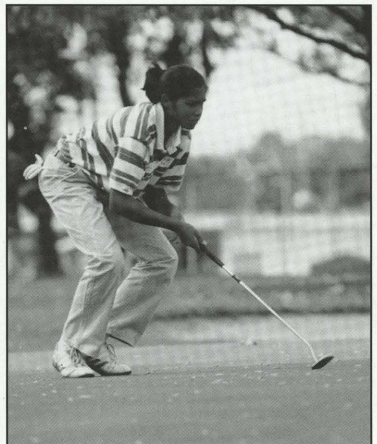
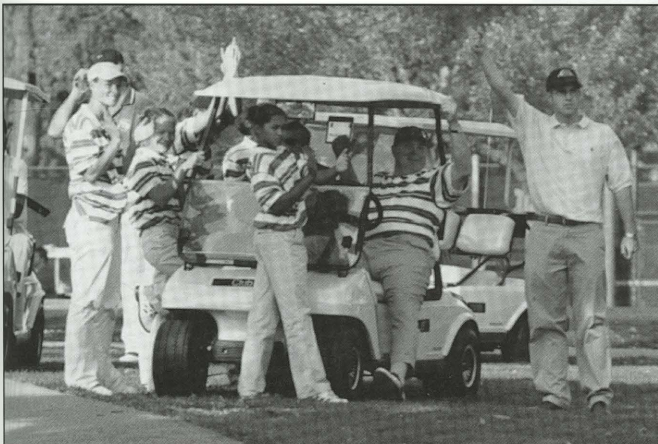


Far Right: Senior Cally Eckols watches her ball intently as it sails into State Tournament play.



Bottom Left: The U-High girls join with Coach Hubbard (sitting, golf cart) in acknowledging their State finish.

Bottom Right: Sophomore Meghan Naik moves in to analyze a tough putt.





GIRLS TENNIS



The tennis team experienced its share of ups and downs this year. Seniors Annie Ginzkey and Maggie Lenart played their last match here at U-High as freshmen Jenny Wang and Kelly Milligan joined the team. "Tennis was fun. Everyone was really nice," said Milligan about her teammates.

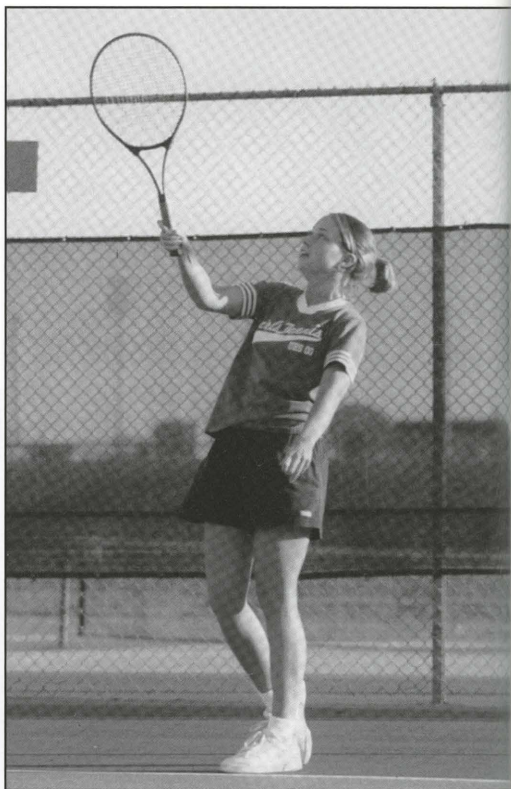
Not only did the girls work hard throughout the season, but they "had a lot of fun this year," said head coach Bob Runyan. They worked well together, which was evident to all those who watched them. "I liked hanging out with the team," said sophomore Brittany Demont.

Whether the girls continue with tennis careers or not, they will always have this year to remember and will be looking forward to looking back.

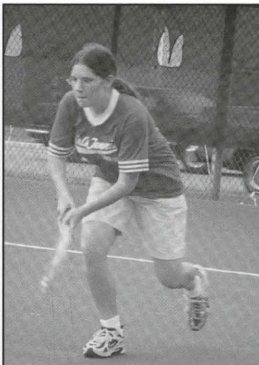


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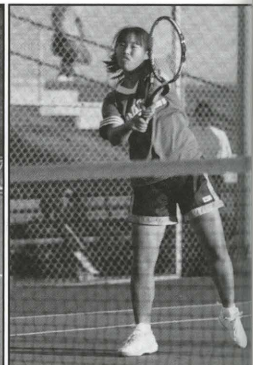
First Row: Brittany Demont, Molly Doran, Kelly Milligan, Maggie Lenart, Annie Ginzkey, Jennifer Olson, Jenny Wang, Marion Sakaluk. Second Row: Coach Runyan, Ali Wells, Rachel Pridgeon, Caroline Pryor, Rebekah Weidner, Rebecca Stone, Tara Funk, Coach Cogan.



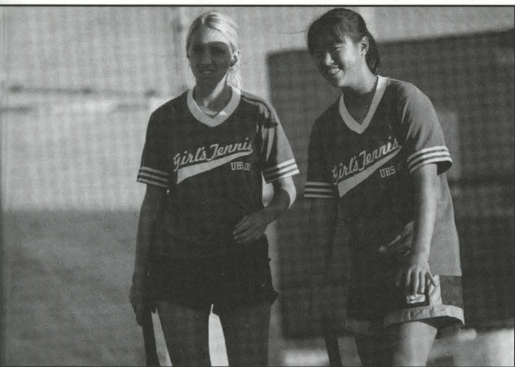
Above: Senior Annie Ginzkey prepares to lob another great shot back at her opponent.



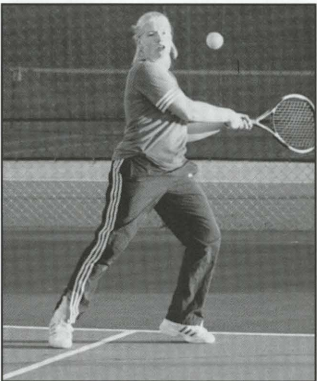
Above: Marion Sakaluk scrapes the ground and races to return the ball.



Above: Freshman Jenny Wang smashes the ball over the net.



Left: Becca Stone and Jenny Wang relax between matches.



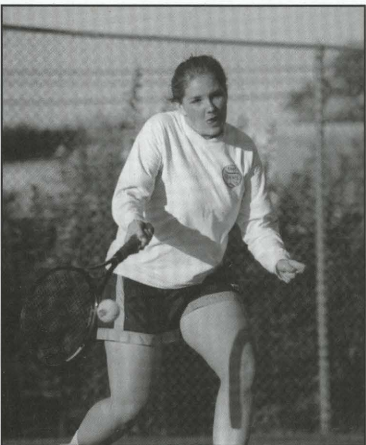
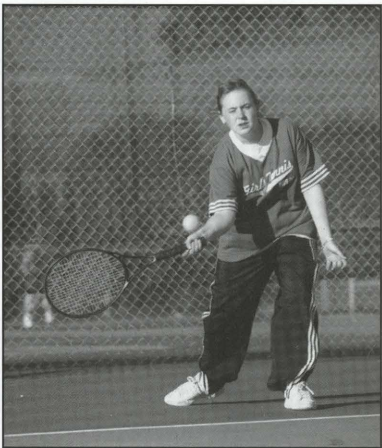
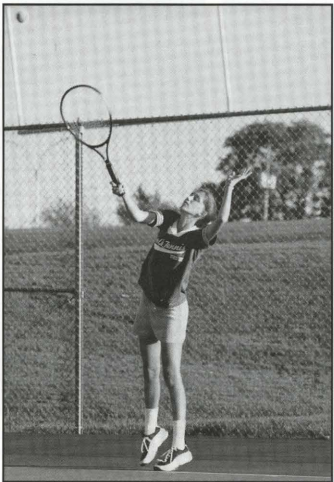
Right: Junior Rebekah Weidner draws her racket back in preparation to smash the ball.

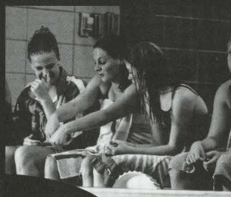
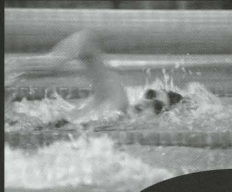
Right: Sophomore Alexia Olson aims high in order to return this shot.

Far Right: Junior Caroline Pryor bends down low to hit the ball.

Below: Seniors Annie Ginzkey and Maggie Lenart share a moment before heading onto the courts again.

Below Right: Senior Maggie Lenart focuses all of her energy on returning the ball.



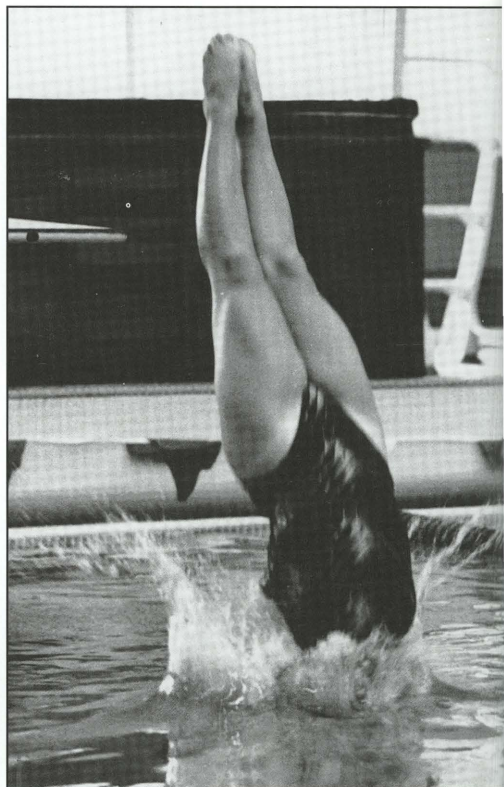


GIRLS SWIMMING

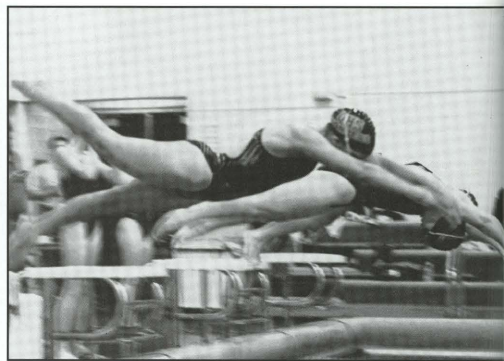


The 2000 season was filled with changes for the U-High girls swim team. The first change came with the girls' third new head coach in three years, Ryan Burroughs. "Having another new coach this season was hard at first. No one knew what to expect, but I think we all adjusted really well," said the team's lone senior, Chelsea Yontz. Another difficult adjustment for the team was the loss of last year's MVP, Kelsey Kinsella. Kinsella battled a shoulder injury throughout the beginning of the season. A final change occurred when the team was moved into the Peoria Sectional. Despite all these adjustments, the team was able to clinch their sixth consecutive Intercity title.

The girls ended their season with a second place finish at Sectionals. Lindsey McReynolds and the relay team consisting of McReynolds, Kinsella, Carol Hermes, and Samantha Clemons qualified for State.



Above: Amy Bicknell splashes into the water after a near perfect dive. For her second year in a row, Bicknell was the team's only diver.



Above: Kelsey Kinsella dives ahead of the competition at the Bloomington Invitational. Kinsella was on many winning relay teams, despite her shoulder injury.

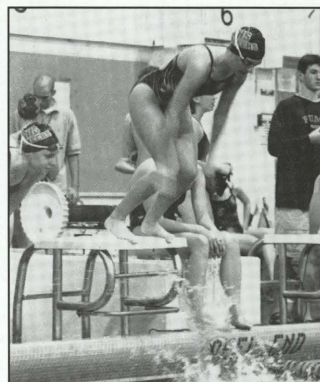


VARSITY GIRLS SWIMMING

First Row: Amy Bicknell, Christine Ziebart, Erin Wahlheim, Sarah Kelch. Middle Row: Lindsay McReynolds, Caroline Harrison, Carol Hermes, Emily Wahlheim, Ashley Jackson. Back Row: Coach Ryan Burroughs, Kelsey Kinsella, Samantha Clemons, Suzanne Almeida, Chelsea Yontz, Allie Aagesen, Julie Fisher, Coach Michelle Meyer.



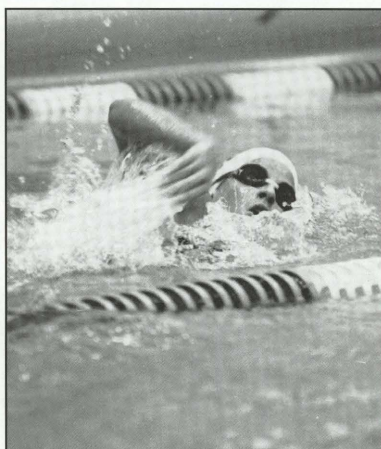
Left: Chelsea Yontz glides through the water in one of her many breaststroke races at Horton Pool.



Right: Christine Ziebart prepares to anchor her relay team at the Bloomington Invite.

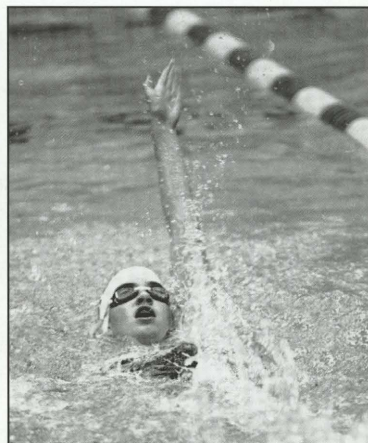
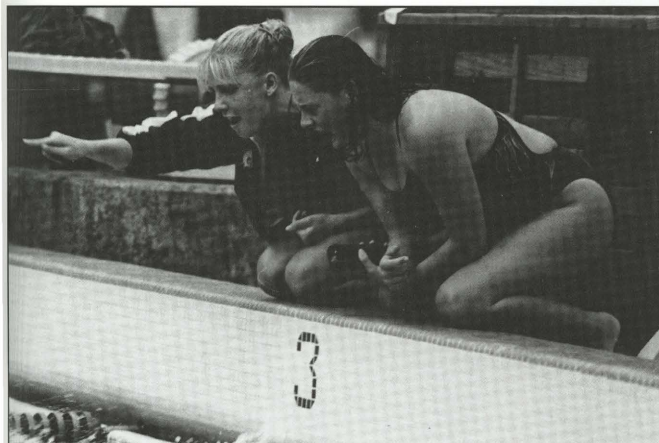
Below Right: Emily Wahlheim swims the 200 freestyle en route to yet another victory at Horton Pool.

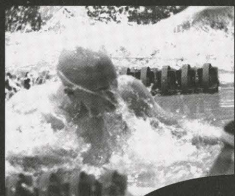
Right: The team's MVP, Lindsay McReynolds, on her way to another victory in the 100 Butterfly.



Below: Sophomore Samantha Clemons and junior Carol Hermes cheer on their teammates at Horton Pool.

Below Right: Freshman Ashley Jackson swims the 100 Backstroke at Horton Pool. Ashley helped the team out this year by swimming a variety of events.





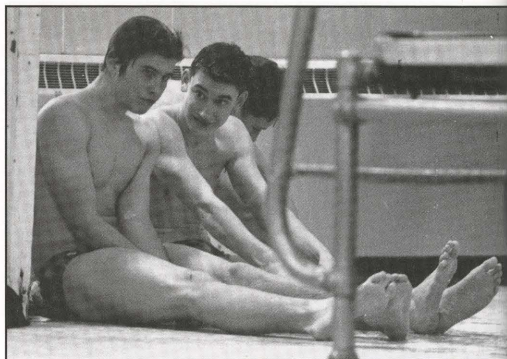
BOYS SWIMMING



The 2001 boys swim team had a very productive season. After swimming two practices a day during their Christmas break, the team was ready to tackle the remainder of their season and the State Swim Meet.

This year's young team stepped up to the challenges the competition presented, losing only one dual meet to downstate powerhouse Champaign Central.

The team qualified one relay and three individuals in four events for the State Meet. The 200 medley relay, consisting of Tom Sur, Brian Sinn, Nathaniel Toca and Tom Watson, finished in thirty-eighth place. Watson also qualified in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events. Sur and Toca qualified in the 100 yard breaststroke. Sur went on the finish ninth in his event.

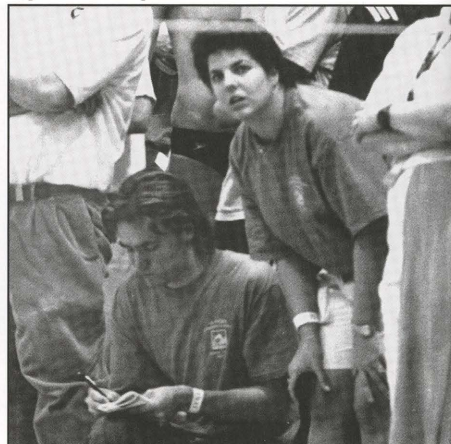


Above: Freshmen Will Powell and Devon Landau relax between dives.



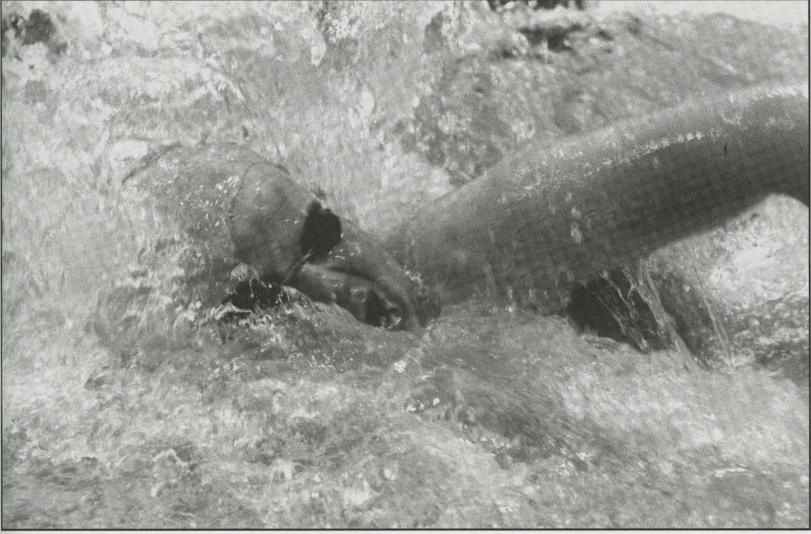
Above: Senior Tommy Sur swims his way to a ninth place finish at the State Swim meet.

Below: Head Coach Michele Meyer looks at the clock after Tommy Sur swims at the State Meet while Assistant Coach Ryan Burroughs keeps track of Sur's place.



VARSITY BOYS SWIMMING

First Row: Justin Kelley, David Robinson, Brian Sinn, Devon Landau, Will Powell, Reijo Sojasto, Mitchell Baker. Second Row: Coach Michele Meyer, David Shoot, Tom Sur, Drue Hocker, Tom Watson, Nathaniel Toca, Matt Mohrman, Andrew Hessé, Coach Ryan Burroughs.



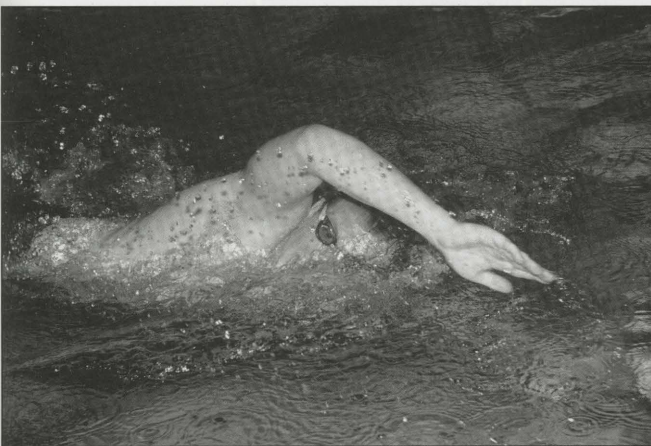
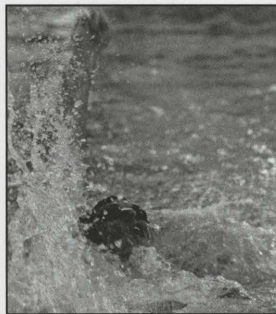
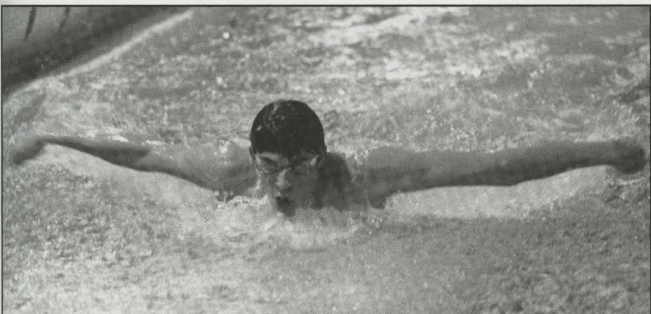
Left: Senior Tom Watson takes a breath while swimming the 100 yard freestyle at the State Swim Meet.

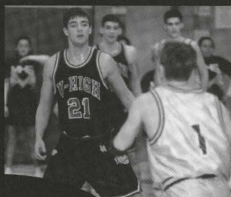
Middle Left: Freshman Drue Hocker uses his super armspan while he swims the butterfly.

Middle Right: All eyes are on ? He makes the backstroke look easy.

Lower Left: Senior Justin Kelley swims his way to victory.

Lower Right: Sophomore Nathaniel Toca pushes his way through the water in the 100 yard breaststroke at the State Swim Meet.





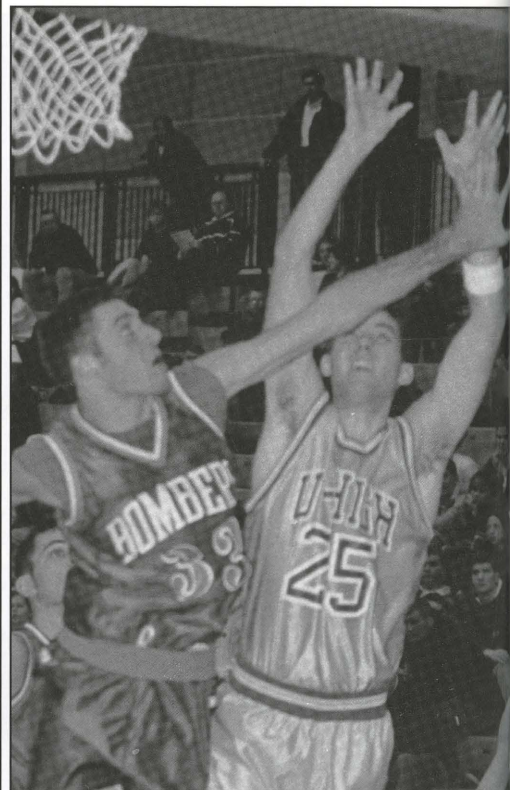
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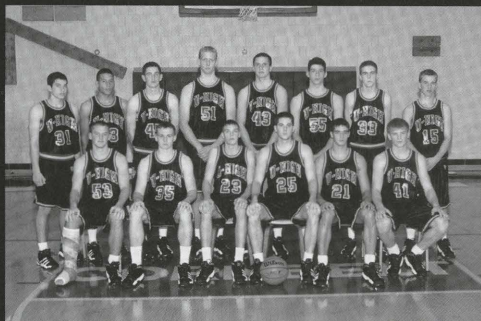
This year's boys basketball team showed a great deal of heart as they joined together for an outstanding season. "Coming off a disappointing season last year, I was happy to see our team back at the championship level," said Coach Cal Hubbard. The team looked to its six seniors for leadership and found it as Jordan Martens, Adam Strum, and Dan Hubbard stepped up big for the team.

"It was a good season. We were successful, but not as successful as we would have liked to be. It was a great group of guys and I had a lot of fun," said Dan Hubbard. Losing in the sectional was very emotional for the entire team, especially the seniors.

Next year Coach Hubbard will be looking for new people to step up and fill the shoes of those who are graduating. Juniors John Halm, Drew Watson, Nate Michael, and Dustin Wickenhauser are going to be returning seniors and will surely propel next year's team to another excellent season. "I will definitely miss the guys moving on, but I think the program is left with a tremendous amount of talent to work with," said Coach Hubbard.

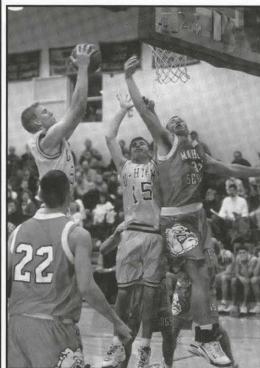


Above: Senior Dan Hubbard takes the ball up to the basket against a Bomber defender.

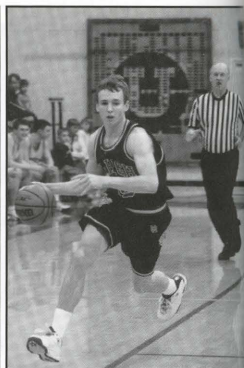


VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

First Row: Ryan Scribchlow, Clayton Tarr, Jordan Martens, Dan Hubbard, Adam Roediger, Adam Strum. Second Row: Nick Chiodo, Drew Watson, Dustin Wickenhauser, Nate Michael, John Halm, Jake Chiodo, Kevin Smith, Nick Kennedy.



Above: Junior Nate Michael goes to the hoop for a lay-up while sophomore Nick Kennedy tries to fend off a Mahomet player.



Above: Senior Clayton Tarr dribbles down the court on a fast break to the basket.

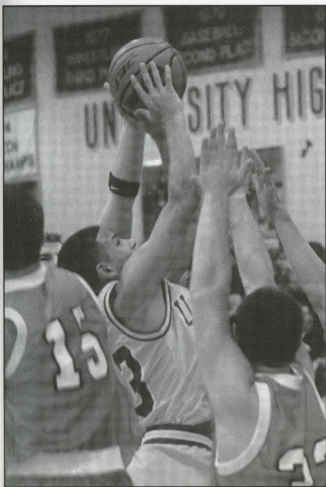
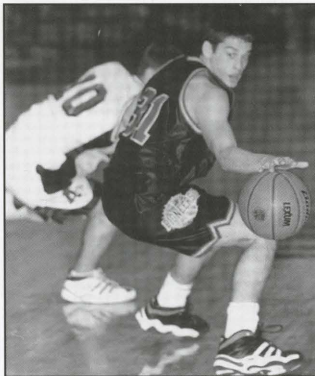


Left: The Pioneers huddle around Coach Hubbard for a quick time-out.

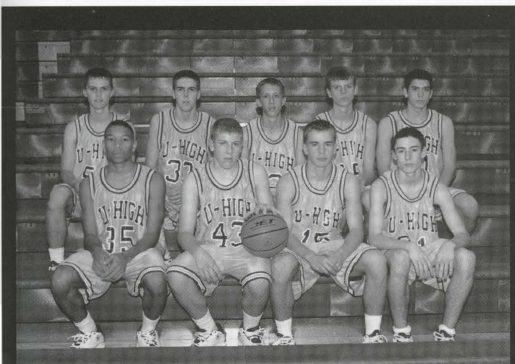
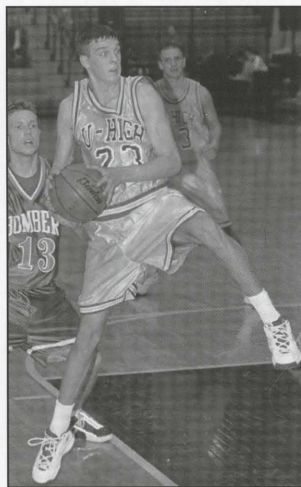
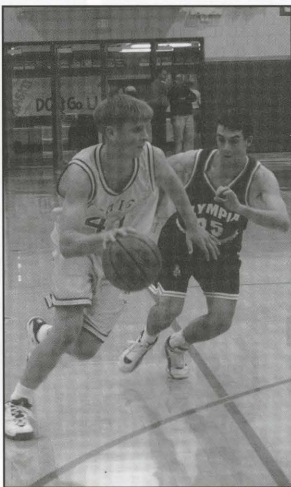
Right: Freshman Nick Chiodo keeps the ball away from a pesky defender.

Below Middle: Senior Adam Strum beats an Oly defender as he dribbles towards the hoop.

Below Right: Senior Jordan Martens pulls down the rebound and looks to go to the basket.

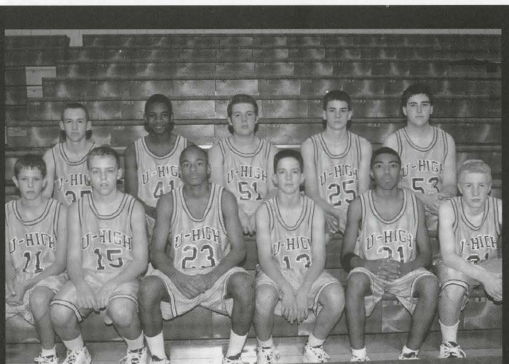


Left: Junior Drew Watson takes the ball up in traffic for a short jump shot.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

First Row: Alan Turner, John Higgins, Nick Kennedy, Mike Henderson. Second Row: Joel Hoekstra, Kevin Smith, Shawn Jennings, Benton Snyder, Nick Chiodo.



FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

First Row: Troy Hari, C.J. York, James Johnson, Nick Adams, Jarell Chavers, Graham Schenck. Second Row: Adam Kauffman, Jeremy Foster, Jacob Jolly, Justin Berry, Ben Sterrett.



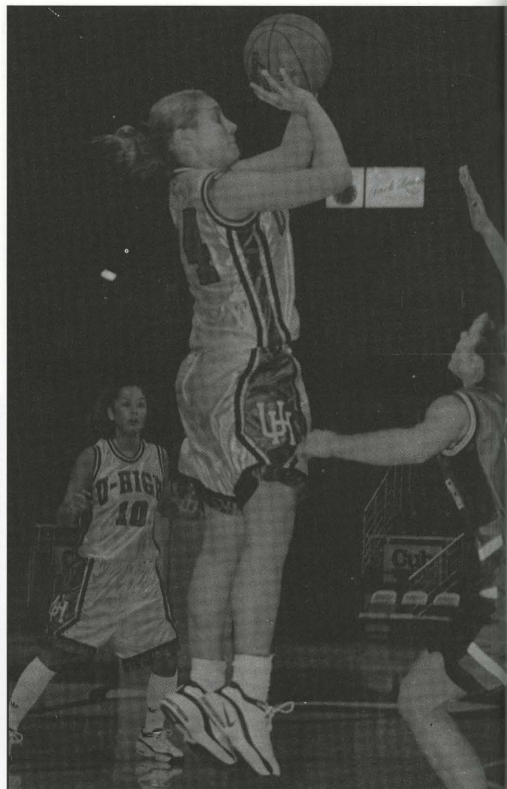
GIRLS BASKETBALL



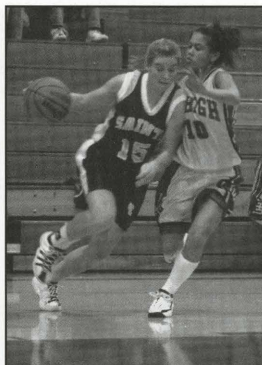
The Lady Pioneers started the 2000-2001 season off strong and continued to build upon that momentum. A sense of unity and team togetherness was essential for the girls' success. "The seniors brought us all together, then our individual talents just came together and that's how we got so far," said sophomore Emily Meier. The team's victories included a share of the Inter-city Championship, first place in Cornbelt Conference, a Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional Championship and a fourth place State finish. Their final record was 26-7.

The girls had a good time, as well. "Everyone on the team contributed to the success of the team, which always made it fun," said Coach Morris. The team had its rituals, which included freshman Ashlee Pistorius' rendition of the Outkast hit "Sorry Miss Jackson" and team breakfasts before the State games.

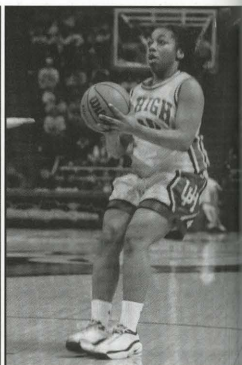
Although next year's team will miss the talents of seniors Shelley Farnsworth, Jasmine Hunt and Hannah Mikals, "This group has set a high standard for future teams and won't be forgotten for the relationships and accomplishments," said Morris.



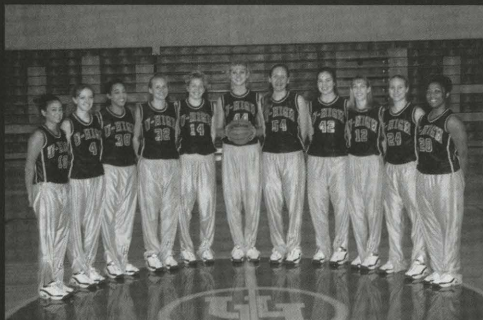
Above: Senior guard Shelley Farnsworth goes up for a jump shot against a defender at the Holiday Classic Tournament.



Above: Junior Megan Tischhauser puts the defensive pressure on during the Regional Championship.



Above: Junior Tiara Brown gets ready to shoot and score at the State Tournament.

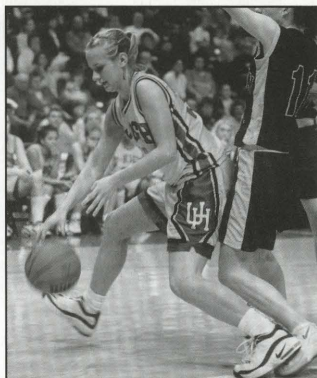


VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Megan Tischhauser, Lauren Reeves, Jasmine Hunt, Maggie Ummel, Ashlee Pistorius, Emily Meier, Mary Risius, Hannah Mikals, Amanda Curtis, Shelley Farnsworth, Tiara Brown.

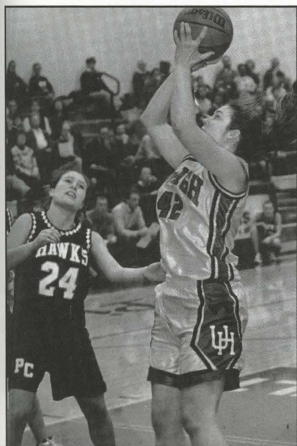


Left: Senior Hannah Mikals gives 110% to chase a ball that is going out of bounds.



Right: Junior Maggie Ummel regains control of a loose ball at the State Tournament.

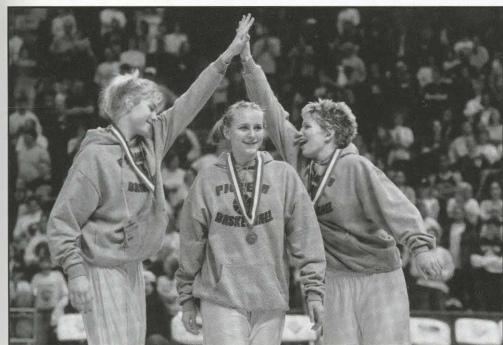
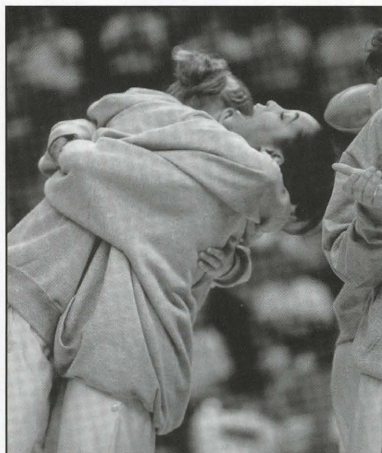
Below Right: After receiving their fourth place medals, an ecstatic senior Jasmine Hunt embraces senior teammate Shelley Farnsworth.



Above: After penetrating the lane, senior Hannah Mikals looks to shoot.



Above: Senior Shelley Farnsworth takes control and drives down court.

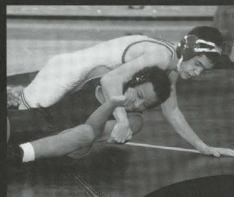


Above: Sophomore Emily Meier and freshman Ashlee Pistorius give each other a high five, while junior Maggie Ummel celebrates with them after getting their fourth place medals at State

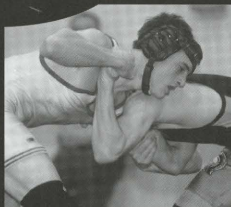
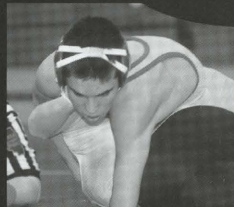


JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

First Row: Tiffany Burton, Jordan Macy, Kelly Morris, Jacie Katz, Second Row: Jamie Blass, Jenna Reeves, Molly Mizer, Miranda Martin, Third Row: Betsy Ummel, Lauren Satchwell, Breanne Creed, Megan Nybakke.



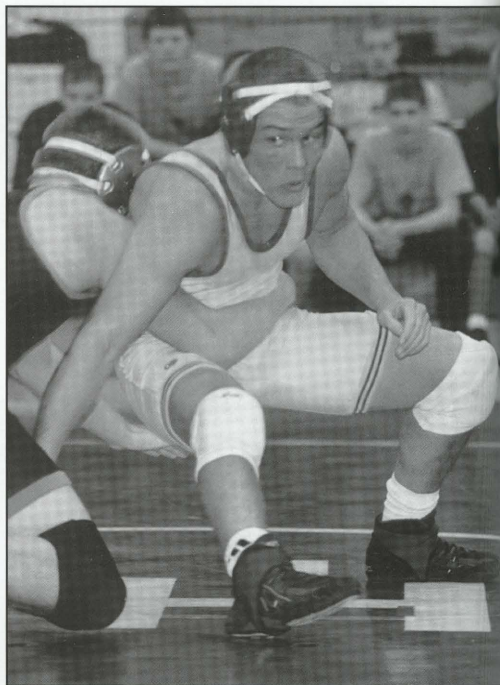
WRESTLING



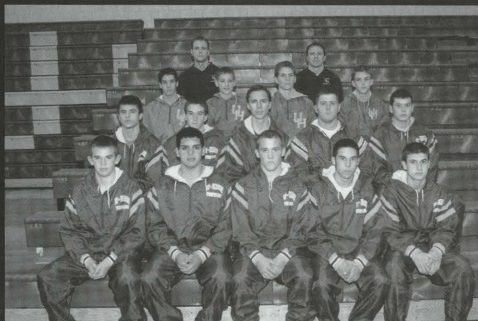
The boys wrestling team had a good season. "We went from a two-win season last year to a six-win season this year," said Sean Carpenter, a junior member of the team. The team saw many successes, including junior Josh Phillips placing third in state.

The wrestling team also experienced changes in coaching and in the program. "The coaches are doing a great job of turning the program around," said Carpenter. All together, the season concluded with many ups and downs, but in the end their successes were what showed.

"It was a good season. A lot of the guys tried hard, and we had great improvement this year, and we are all looking forward to improvement for next year."

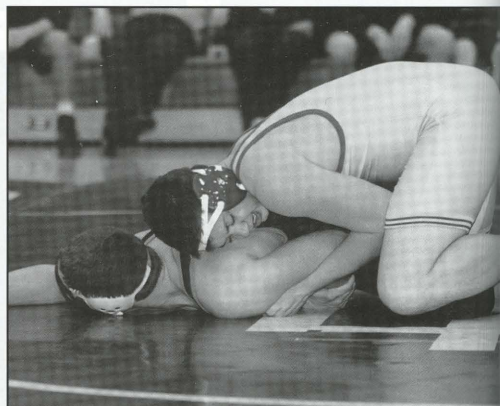


Above: Junior wrestling star Josh Phillips escapes the grasp of his Prairie Central opponent. Phillips went on to place in the finals at the Individual State Wrestling meet.

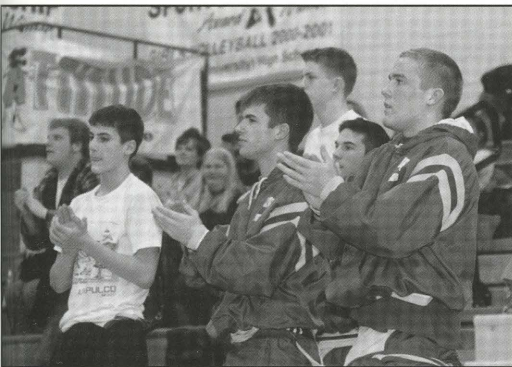


VARSITY BOYS WRESTLING

First Row: Caleb Phillips, Eric Palomino, Josh Phillips, Johathan Stein, Seth Brandon. Second Row: Andy Schrag, Chase McCoy, Robert Swafford, Sean Carpenter, Heath Brandon. Third Row: Devon Solomon, Matt Baugh, Kyle Harshbarger, Ryan Casselman. Back Row: Asst. Coach Kurt Hudson, Head Coach Kevin Butler.

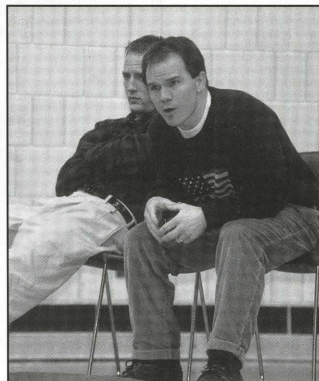


Above: Senior Heath Brandon has his opponent right where he wants him.



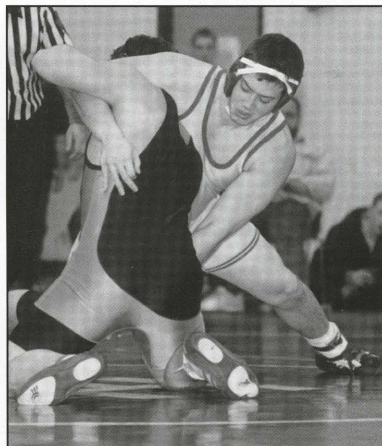
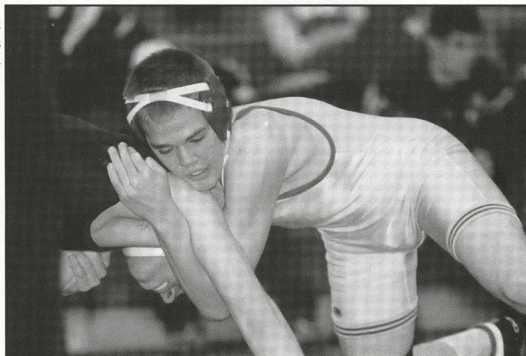
Left: The wrestling team gets up and cheers for their teammate after a victory over his opponent.

Right: Head coach Kevin Butler and assistant coach Kurt Hudson look on during one of the many dual wrestling meets.



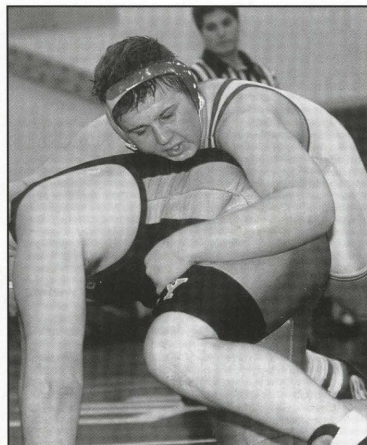
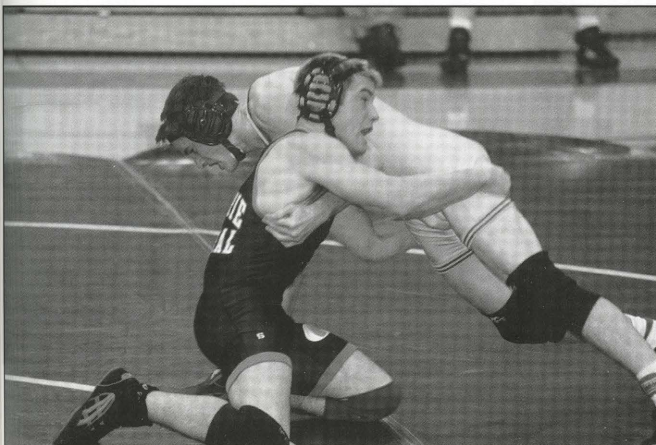
Below Right: Senior Heath Brandon gets into position for a takedown.

Right: Freshman Caleb Phillips locks onto his opponent.



Below Right: Junior Heavyweight wrestler Sean Carpenter moves around his opponent to get better position.

Below Left: Junior Chase McCoy drives into his opponent.



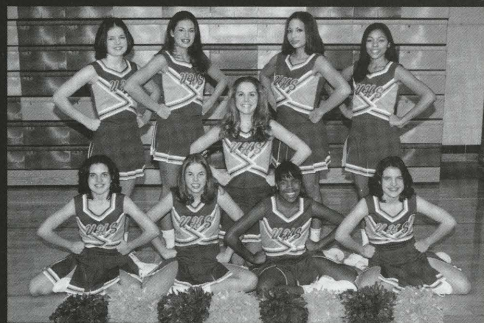


CHEERLEADING



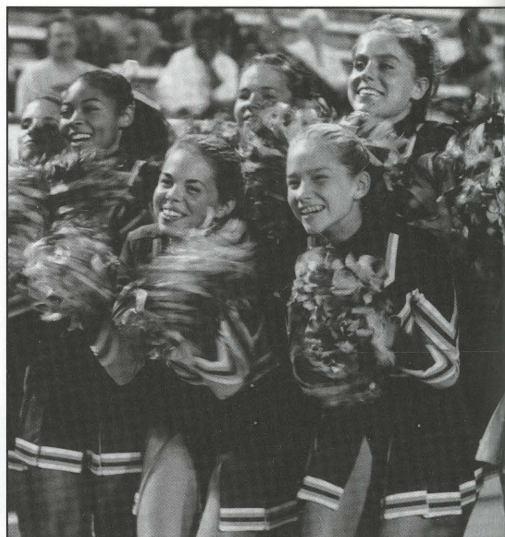
The cheerleaders were back this year on the sidelines looking better than ever. The girls pulled together to support U-High's football and basketball teams. They pumped up the crowd and showed school spirit galore.

The team was always hard at work; they spent many late nights making "Good Luck" signs for U-High's teams. Countless hours during the summer and school year were dedicated to practicing. The squad also put together the Homecoming pep assembly to get students excited about the big game. Win or lose, the cheerleaders gave it their all to encourage U-High's teams. With stunting, tumbling, jumping, dancing, smiling, and of course cheering, the cheerleaders helped the football and basketball teams to victory.

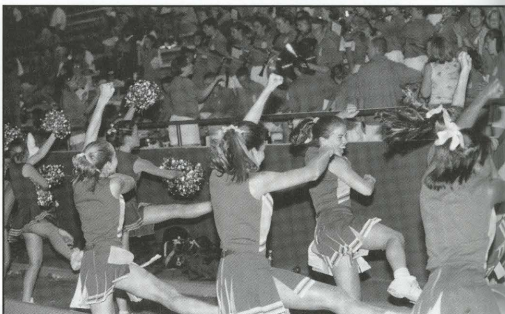


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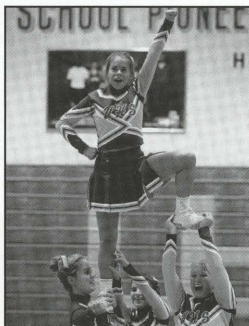
First Row: Ericka Klawitter, Suzanne Newberry, Kaylan Guzman, Amber Klawitter.
Second Row: Rachel Turner. Third Row: Katie Kinsella, Chenay McDaniel, Danielle Oldham, Caitlin Parker.



Above: The Cheerleaders take a quick moment away from cheering at one of the football games to allow the photographer to take a snapshot.



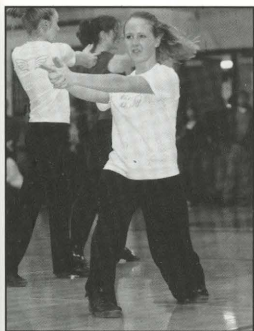
Above: The Cheerleaders perform the school song during a football game.



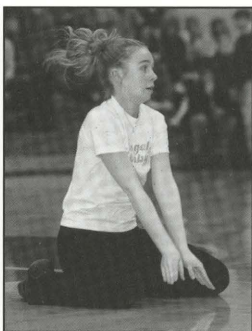
Above: Sophomore Suzanne Newberry is supported in the air by other members of the squad.



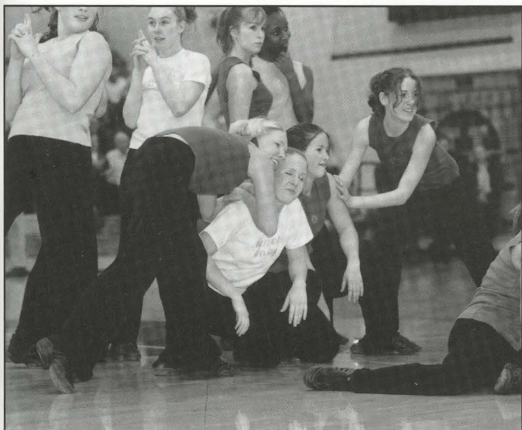
Above: The Cheerleading Squad perfected their basket toss with Freshman Kaylan Guzman.



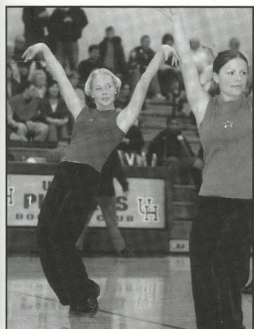
Above: Senior Captain Lyndsey Milligan dances during the Senior Night halftime.



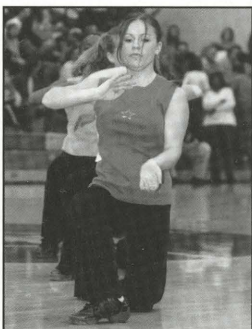
Above: Senior Stacey Moews performs during halftime at her last basketball game.



Above: Members of the Pom squad hit the last pose in their Charlie's Angels dance. The song, performed by Destiny's Child, was a big hit on Senior Night.



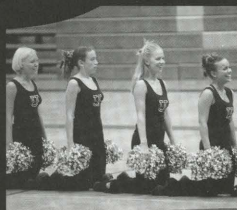
Above: Junior Sara Kelley shows off her moves during a home Pioneer basketball halftime show.



Above: Freshman Kalleigh Thomas executes the moves to the dance she is performing.



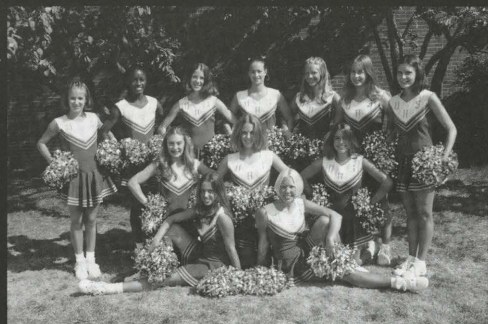
POM PONS



Whether it was football or basketball season, the Pom Pon squad could always be relied upon for their exciting halftime performances.

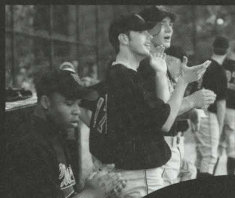
All members of the team worked hard and helped one another, combining upbeat music with outstanding skill. "Every year I was in Poms was so much fun. It's great to know that you are entertaining the crowd. The girls are always there for you when you need them, even if it's just a smile. It's been great," enthused senior captain Lyndsey Milligan.

Milligan's leadership, combined with the skills of Coaches Dixon and Dionne, made this poms season especially enjoyable for the girls. Their enthusiasm, talent, and school spirit were evident in each dance. These ladies made halftime more entertaining.



POM PONS

First Row: Emily Williams, Sara Kelley. Second Row: Amanda Donnan, Lyndsey Milligan, Kalleigh Thomas. Third Row: Anne Johnson, Faith Evans, Amy Harshbarger, Tiffany Cox, Tara Funk, Shayla Swibaker, Angie LaBounty.



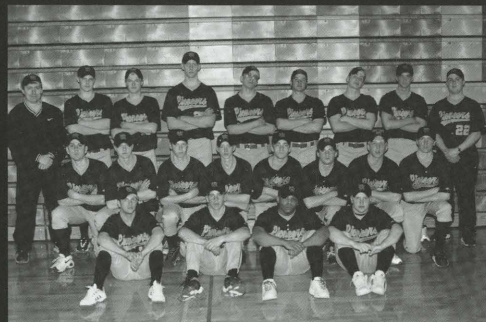
BOYS BASEBALL



The U-High's boys baseball team had yet another great year under Coach Greg Bee. The team, composed of a strong senior class, represented U-High on the diamond in traditional fashion. Under the strong pitching of seniors Nick Africano and Josh Becker, the Pioneers ended the season with a 24-12 record.

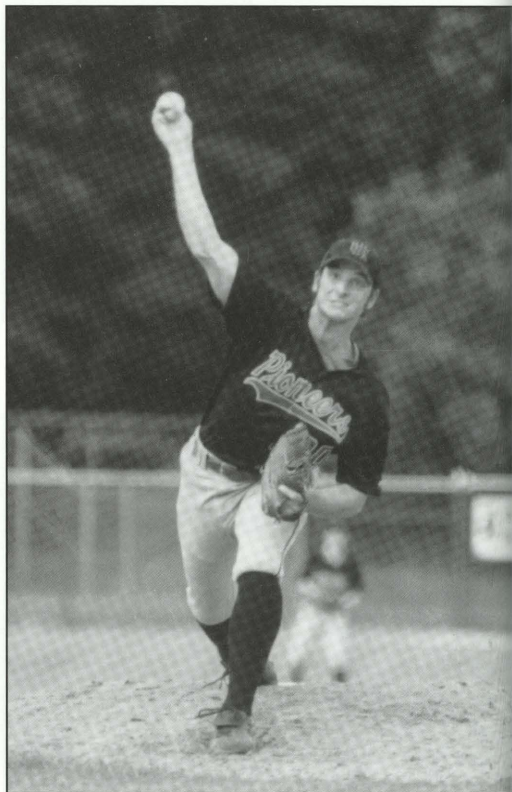
The consistent pitching from Africano and Becker also served as a good example for sophomore Tyler Cox. The highlight of the season was a come-back win over previously undefeated Herscher.

The future of the U-High baseball team looks excellent. This year's team was dominated by juniors and as a result will return many starters. The entire team will continue to work very hard in order to live up to the strong winning tradition of Pioneer baseball.

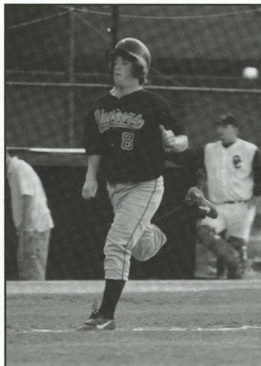


VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

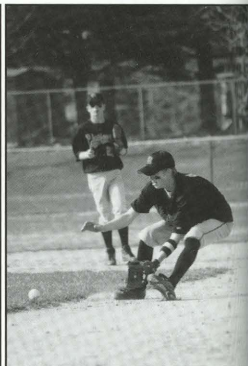
First Row: Jason Goldfarb, Nick Kennedy, Willie Feagin, Ricky Darough. Second Row: Mercer Turner, Brandon Burnett, Grant Rogers, Aaron Thomas, Craig Rhoeen, Jeff Whitaker, Mike Pohlman, Matt Lions. Third Row: Coach Greg Bee, Tyler Cox, Josh Becker, Nate Michael, Jon Vandenbosh, Nick Africano, Jordan Watts, Ryan Robb, Asst. Coach Brian Read.



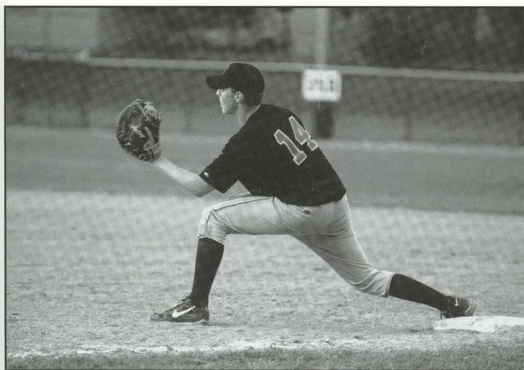
Above: Senior pitcher Nick Africano hurls the ball toward home plate during Regional Tournament action.



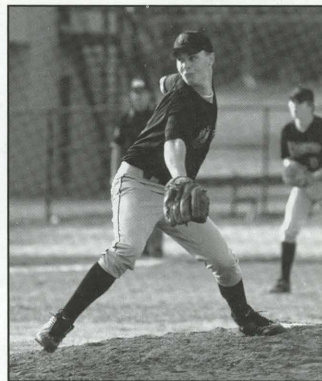
Above: Senior Jeff Whitaker makes his way towards home to add another run to the Pioneers' score.



Above: Junior second baseman Aaron Thomas fields the ball.



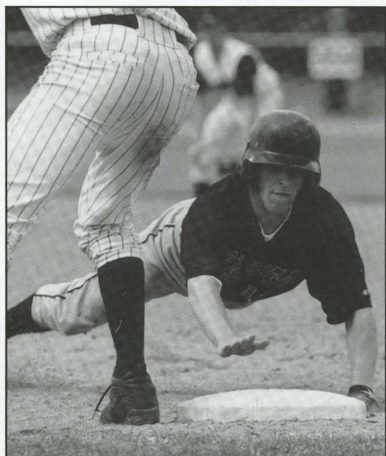
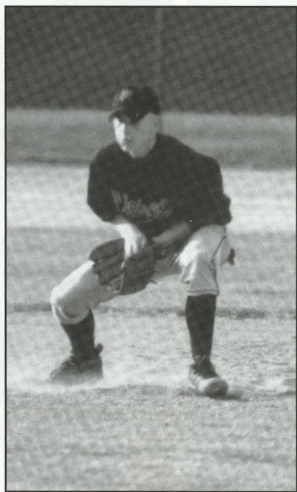
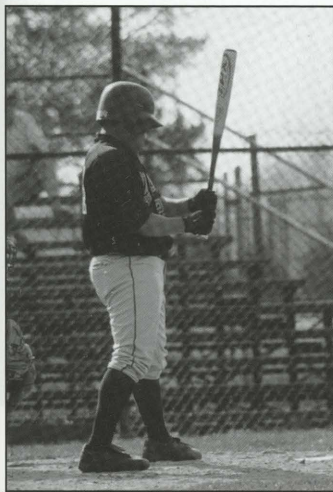
Left: Junior first baseman Grant Rodgers stretches out to catch the ball and end the inning.



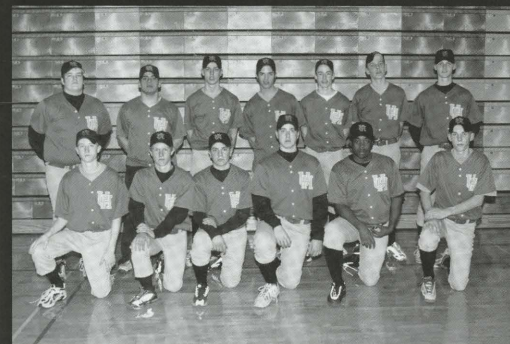
Right: Sophomore pitcher Tyler Cox winds up before sending the ball to the batter.

Below Left: Junior Willie Feagin checks the signs before stepping up to the plate.

Below Middle: Sophomore short stop Nick Kennedy fields a line drive.



Above: Junior Mike Pohlman dives back to first base after the pitcher attempts to pick him off.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

First Row: Reid Nickel, Ryan Meier, Matt Lyons, James Clesson, Demetri Goldman, Ryne Brewer. Back Row: Erik Shroeder, Eric Palomino, Michael McCullough, Kyle Ferguson, Mik Henderson, Justin Schilawski, Joel Hoekstra.

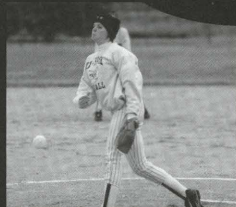


FRESHMAN BOYS BASEBALL

First Row: P. Carrol, S. Irvin, L. Williams, M. Butts, A. Idleman. Second Row: T. Hari, E. Watts, S. Brandon, R. Huette, J. Kossman, N. Adams. Third Row: J. Jolly, J. Berry, A. Kauffman, M. Baker, J. Foster, M. Whalen.



GIRLS SOFTBALL



The U-High's girls softball team had a strong showing from underclassmen this season. The team worked exceptionally hard under Coach Wendi Smith. Their initial inexperience resulted in the team struggling for victories early in their season, but as time progressed and the team became more confident, their hard work paid off.

One of the season's highlights came when the Pioneers beat crosstown rival Central Catholic. "I was really thrilled when we finally won a game and how we all came together," said senior Megyn Corbiitt. After that exciting win, they went on to beat Mahomet-Seymour as well. Rebecca Reeser, U-High's number one pitcher, will be returning for her senior year backed up by relief pitchers Whitney Koch and Kassie Kaisner.

"I'm really looking forward to next season where I hope we'll have better success," said Reeser. And indeed, she has good reason to be excited. Hoping to improve on their 2-21 record, the team ended the season with a healthy attitude and the prospect of future success in softball.

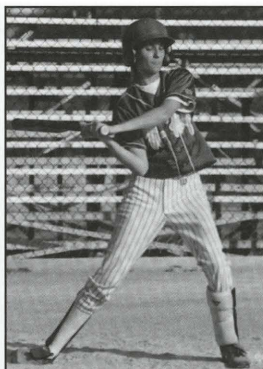


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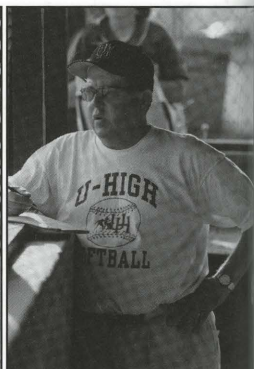
First Row: Cori Replogle, Jacie Katz. Second Row: Amy Whikehart, Miriam Gebhart, Allison Dehner, Miranda Martin, Kassie Kaisner, Rachel Joseph, Jennifer French. Third Row: Rebecca Reeser, Whitney Koch, Megan Lynn, Megyn Corbiitt, Katie Heineman, Molly Mizer.



Above: Junior pitcher Rebecca Reeser sends the ball towards the plate and catcher Jacie Katz.



Above: Sophomore Kassie Kaisner patiently waits for the ball while she is up to bat.

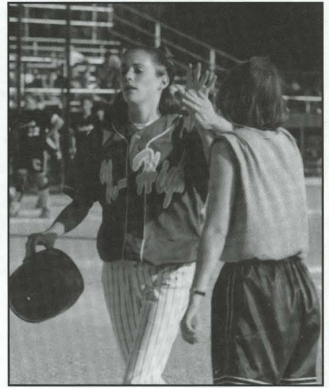


Above: Assistant Coach Chuck Gauld keeps track of the team's success while keeping the score book.

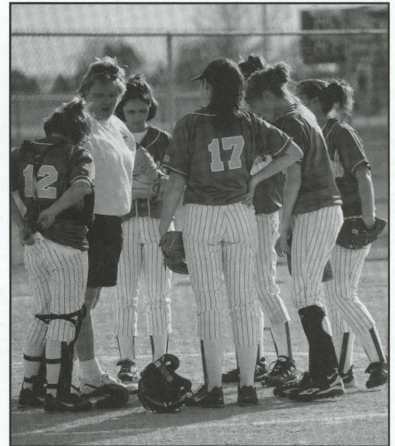


Left: Junior Allison Dehner slides into second base while trying to avoid the tag.

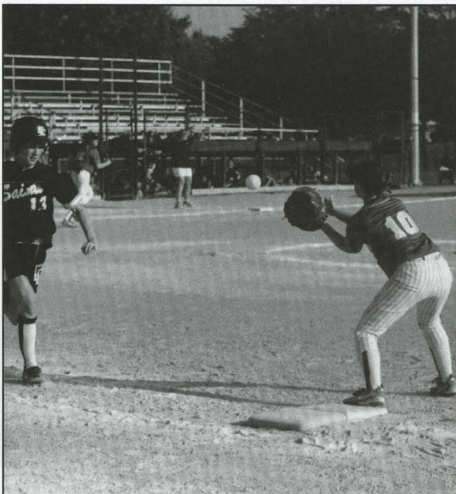
Right: Assistant Coach Laura Sellers congratulates freshman Molly Mizer after scoring a run.



Below Left: Senior's Megyn Corbitt and Katie Heineman are friends both on and off the field.



Above: Coach Smith brings the team together for a mid-inning pep talk.



Above: Senior second baseman Katie Heineman covers first base and gets the Central Catholic runner out.



JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL

First Row: Miranda Martin, Rachel Joseph, Cori Replogle, Miriam Gebhart, Shayla Swibaker, Kim Kleen, Whitney Thomas, Amanda Elliot, Coach Dan. Second Row: Ashley Hall, Maggie Hoomanawanui, Jennifer White, Callie Cooper, Claire Scott, Megan Lynn, Kassie Kaisner, Ali Reed, Coach Gault.



GIRLS SOCCER



The 2001 girls soccer season was all about improvement. With the return of just three seniors and the addition of five freshmen on the varsity team, the girls started off the season a little apprehensive. That apprehension quickly melted away as the team bonded together through tough practice sessions at Jersey Hill.

"We all really got excited and set our goals for this season early on and it ended up being our best one ever," said junior Jamiee Johnston.

After losing their first Intercity game to Normal West the Pioneers went on a seven game winning streak. Much of their success was due to the experience and leadership of MVP goalkeeper Holly Hedges and senior defender Jennie Pinkston. These girls, along with the talented All-State freshman Ashlee Pistorius, led the team to their first-ever regional victory and a record 18-4 season. This young team hopes to continue to build and improve next season.

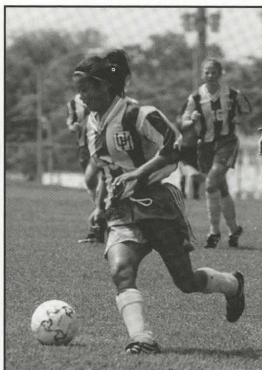


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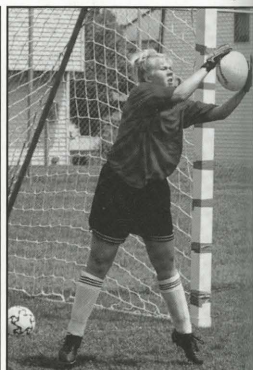
First Row: Holly Hedges, Emily Wahlheim, Jamiee Johnston, Megan Tischhauser, Brianna Galloway, Christina Chojnacki, Emily Riehl, Kaelin Merriman, Lindsay Sorak, Beth Meier. Second Row: Assistant Coach Brandon Atkins, Ellie Somers, Ashlee Pistorius, Angie Baird, Jennie Pinkston, Erin Moore-Ruddy, Kelsey Bohling, Abbey Graves, Coach Bodo Fritzen.



Above: Junior Emily Wahlheim looks towards the goal as the goalie and defender try to stop her from scoring.



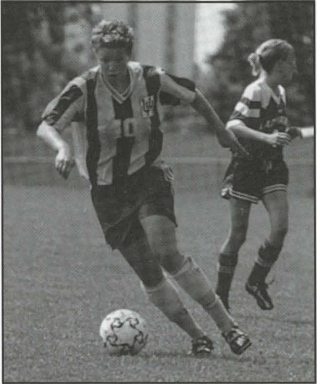
Above: Junior Megan Tischhauser pushes the ball upfield.



Above: Junior goalie Beth Meier reaches out to make a save.

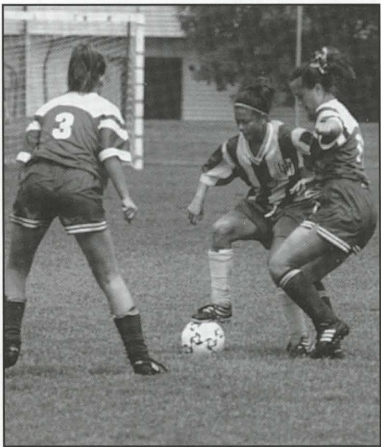


Left: Freshman Ashlee Pistorious executes a perfect slide tackle.

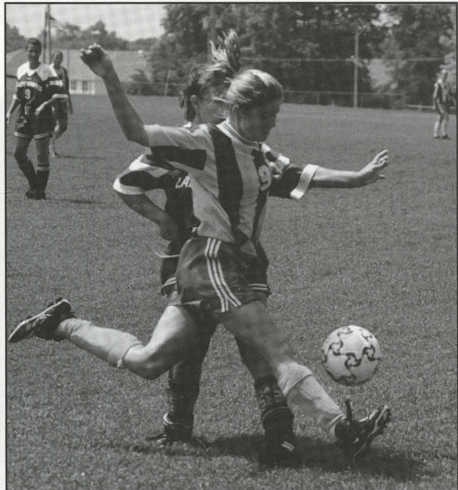


Right: Freshman Ashlee Pistorious makes her next move towards the goal.

Below Left: Senior Jennie Pinkston stretches out to keep the ball away from the Lady Hawk defender.



Above: Junior Megan Tischhauser attempts to keep the ball away from two defenders.



Above: Sophomore Erin Moore-Ruddy flies past a defender in full stride.



JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER
 First Row: Brianna Galloway, Ericka Holt, Erin Wahlheim, Jamie Blass, Christina Chojnacki, Kaelin Merriman. Second Row: Assistant Coach Brandon Atkins, Leah VanGoethem, Allie Ageson, Beth Mcier, Kelsey Bohling, Kristin Claricoates, Coach Bodo Fritzen.



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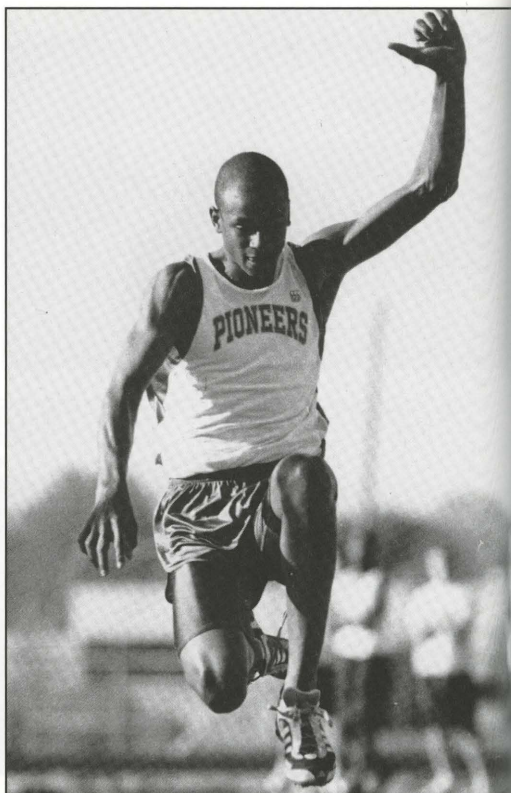


After getting off to a slow start, the boys track team finished the season strong and met their goal of qualifying between six and ten runners for the state track meet when eight team members qualified.

State Qualifiers included seniors Erik Eddington and Chris Johnson, juniors Jacob Shaver and Ben Witte, and sophomores Matt Martin, Alan Turner, and Kyle and Cory Yontz.

Turner, Eddington, and Kyle and Cory Yontz qualified for state in the 4 x 800 meter relay. The Pioneers also qualified their 4 x 800 meter relay which included Johnson, Shaver, Witte and Martin.

As a team, the Pioneers finished fifth at Inter-city and placed fourth at Sectionals.

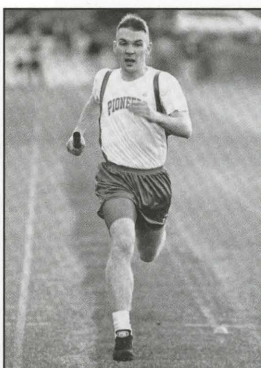


Above: Freshman long jumper James Johnson spots his landing as he flies through the air during the Intercity track meet.

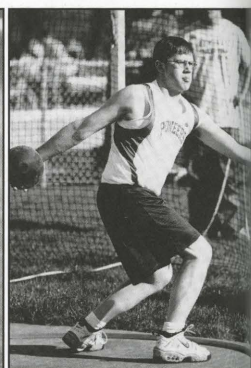


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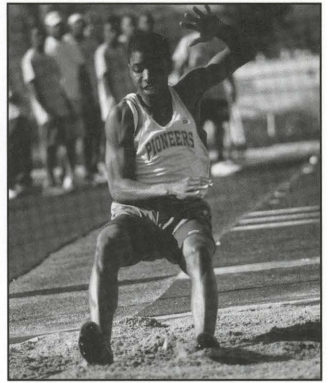
Above: Senior Erik Eddington sprints down the final stretch of a relay.



Above: Junior Jason Crider winds up before launching the discus.



Left: Sophomore Nels Pedersen soars over the hurdles at the Intercity track meet.



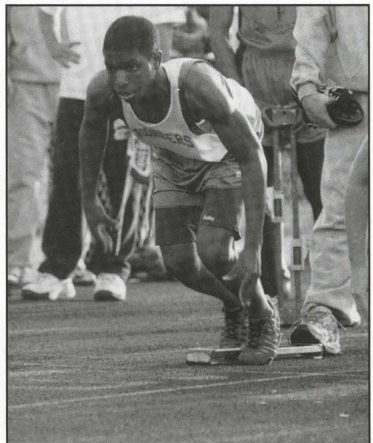
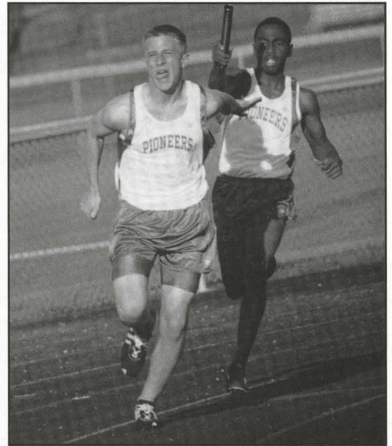
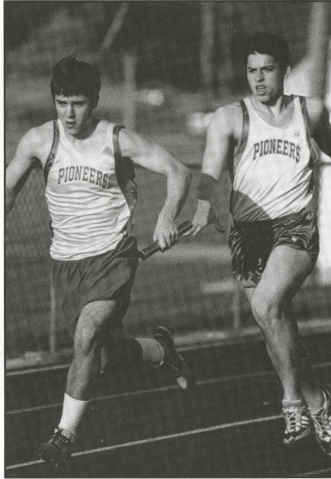
Right: Senior James Pierce lands in the sand pit after a successful long jump attempt.

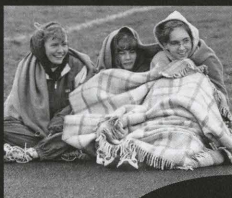
Right: Sophomore Michael Vivirito takes off after receiving the baton from freshman Nick Chiodo.

Far Right: Freshman Jarrod Rayford hands off the baton to Kyle Yontz.

Below Left: Freshman Nick Chiodo takes off from the starting blocks during the Intercity track meet.

Below Right: Senior James Pierce starts at the sound of the gun.





GIRLS TRACK



This year's girls track team was a young one, but they were still very successful. Lead by lone senior Lindsey Campos, the Lady Pioneers track team finished fourth at Regionals and in the Intercity track meet.

Three squad members qualified for the State Track Meet in individual events. Freshman Kate Zimmerman qualified in the two-mile run. Sophomore Mary Risius qualified in both the long jump and the triple jump. Campos qualified for State in the 800 meter run. Campos went on the finish third in the 800.

The Pioneers were also able to qualify the 4 x 800 meter relay. The relay team consisted of Campos, sophomore Lindsey McReynolds, and juniors Maggie Ummel and Ali Wells.

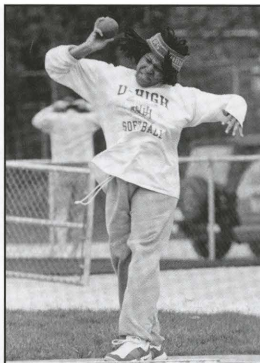


Above: Senior Lindsey Campos comes around the final corner during the Intercity track meet. Campos went on to get third in the 800 at the State Track Meet.

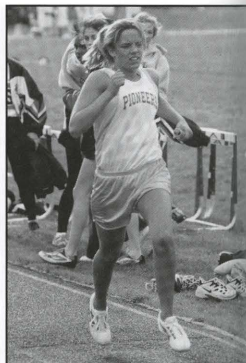


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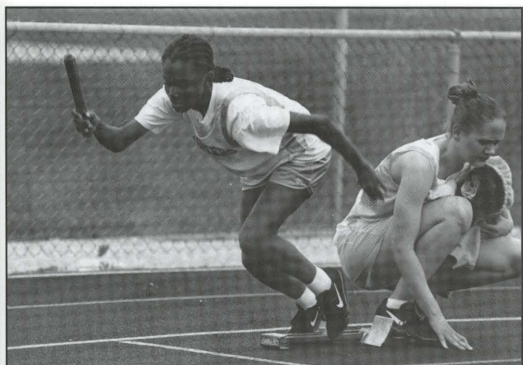
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Above: Junior Melissa Smith gives it her all as she launches the shot put.



Above: Sophomore Lindsay McReynolds pushes herself down the track for a best time.



Left: Freshman Faith Evans bursts off the start during a relay at the Intercity track meet.



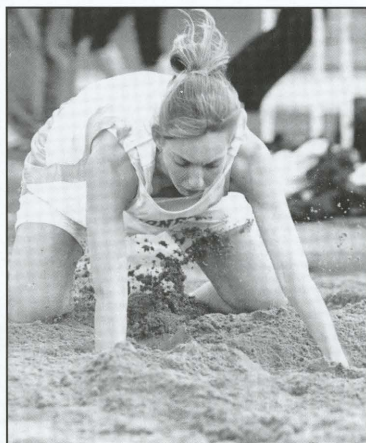
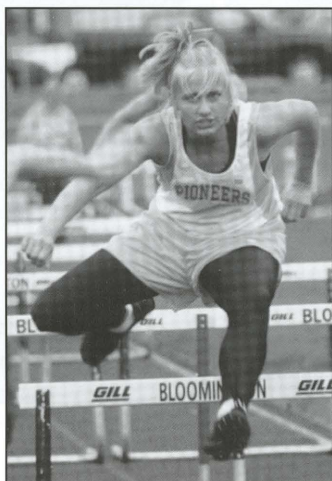
Right: Freshman Katie Zimmerman leads the competition around the corner.

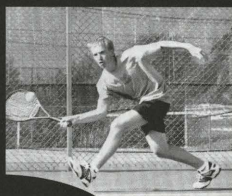
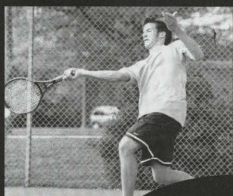
Right: Junior Maggie Ummel soars over the hurdles at the Intercity track meet.

Far Right: Junior Tiara Brown helps her relay finish a strong race at the Intercity track meet.

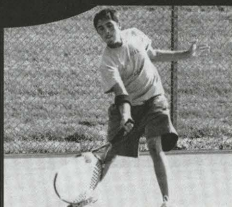
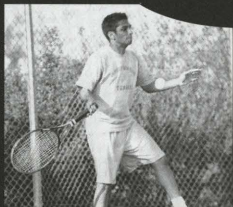
Below Left: Sophomore Mary Risius goes up and over the high jump bar.

Below Right: Sophomore Amanda Curtis catches herself in the sand pit after making a long jump attempt.





BOYS TENNIS



This year's boys tennis team was led by junior Eric Wilson and seniors Greg Weber and Ken Temiyasathit. Junior Alex Dean was also a key player who continued to improve throughout the season.

The boys were glad to welcome back former ISU student and coach Bob Runyon. "It was great to have Bob back," said Ken Temi. "He made it fun."

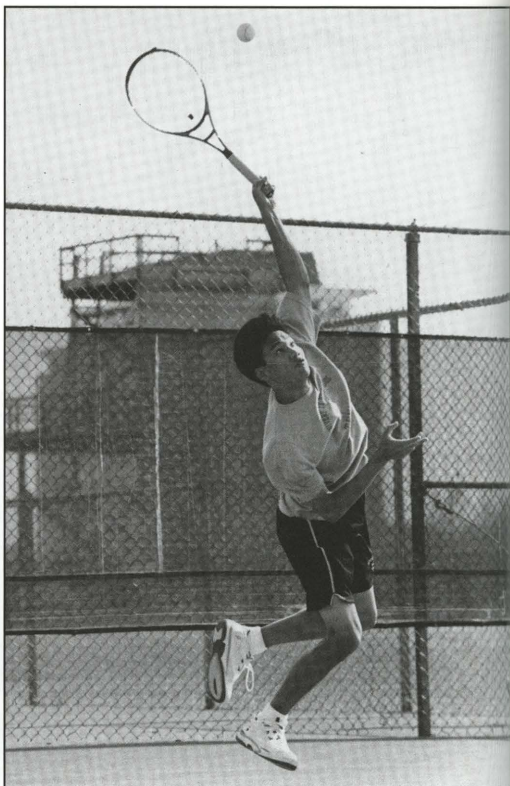
Coach Runyon had only words of praise for his players. "I'm happy with the top four guys," he enthused at the beginning of the season.

Along with the leading members of the team came a lot of newcomers. Many had not played competitive tennis before this year, but everyone was willing to work hard. Such dedication paid off when Temi and Weber were seeded sixth in Sectional Doubles.

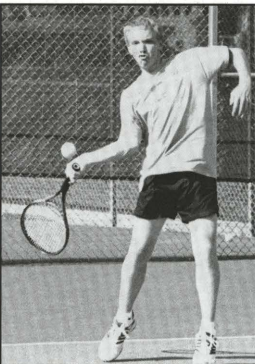


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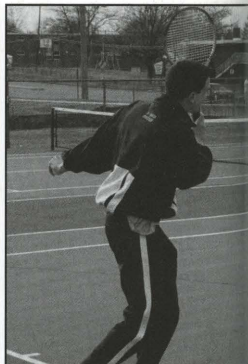
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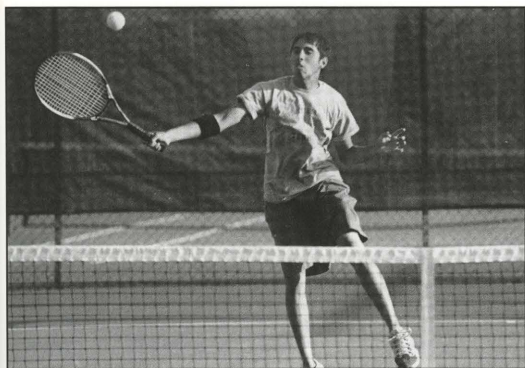
Above: Ken Temi proves that he is an acrobat as well as a tennis player, as he leaps to serve the ball.



Above: Junior Alex Dean winds up to return his opponent's serve.



Above: Junior Eric Wilson readies himself for action.

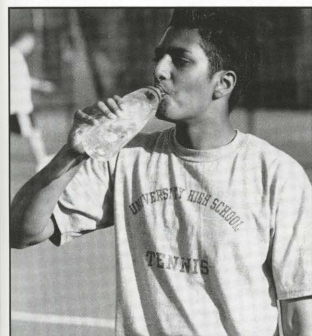
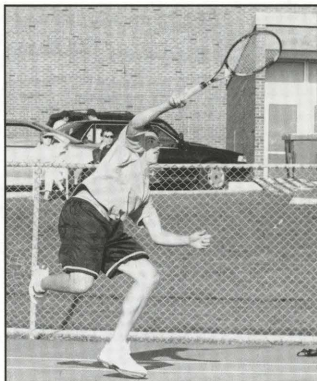


Left: Junior Neal Naik volleys with his opponent during a regular season match.

Right: Senior Greg Weber follows through from a spike at the net.

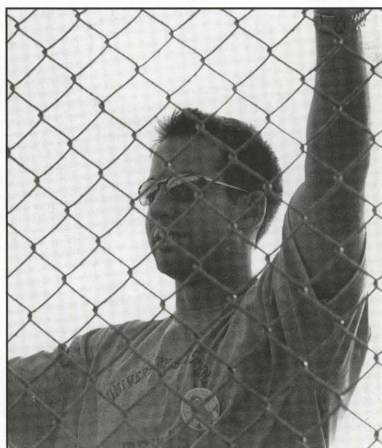
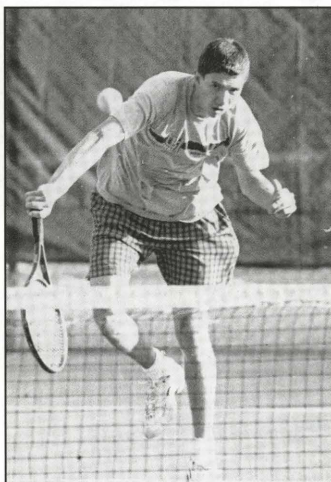
Below Middle: Junior Eric Wilson comes up to the net to smash the ball back at his opponent.

Below Right: Head tennis coach Bob Runyon intently watches his team's performance during an intense match.

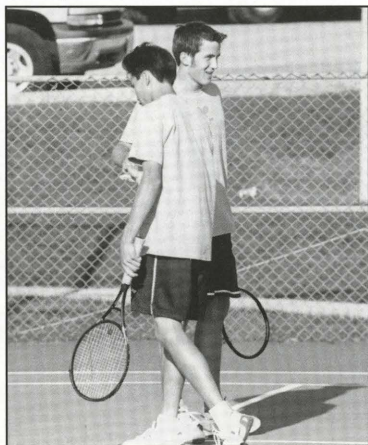
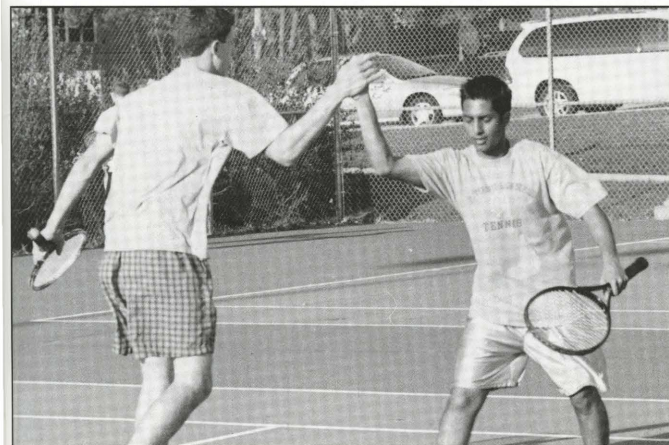


Above: Senior Ashish Shah takes a second between matches to grab a refreshing drink.

Below: After winning a grueling match, senior Ashish Shah and junior Eric Wilson congratulate each other.



Below: Seniors Greg Weber and Ken Temi talk strategy between points.





PEOPLE TOLD US IT WOULD HAPPEN; ONE DAY, WE WOULD WAKE UP AND BE AT THE END OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.

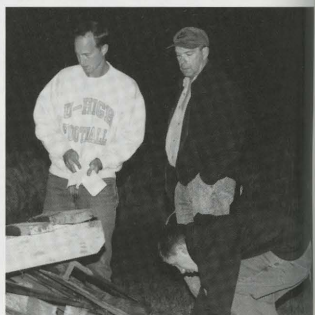
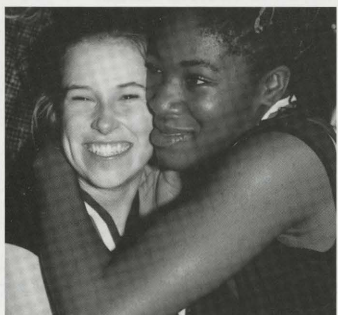
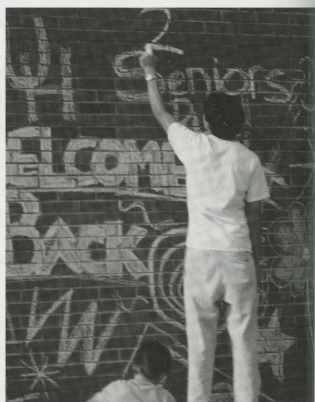
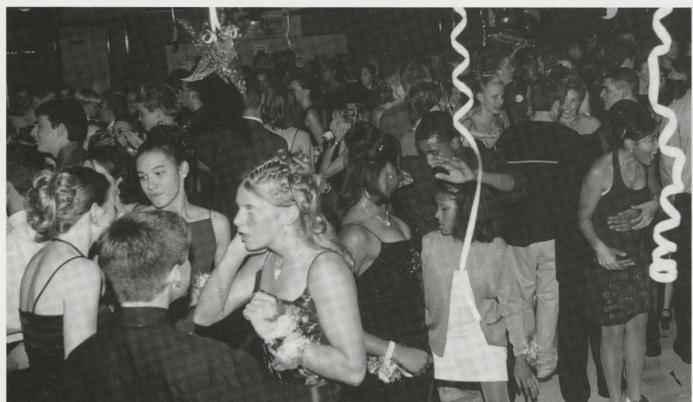
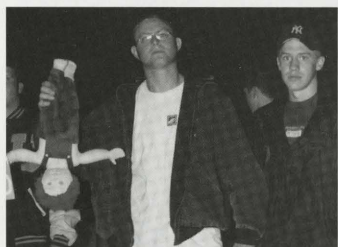
WE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT, OF COURSE, BECAUSE NOBODY DOES. AND HOW CAN WE? THERE ARE HOURS THAT SEEM TO STRETCH ON FOREVER AND DAYS THAT NEVER END. FOUR YEARS IS AN ETERNITY WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AROUND FOR LESS THAN TWO DECADES.

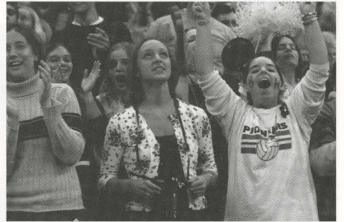
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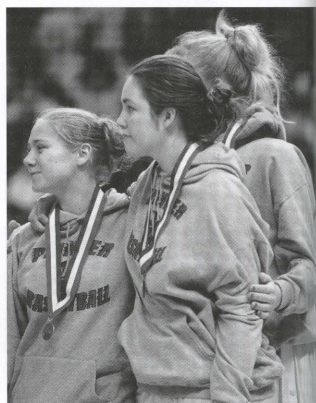
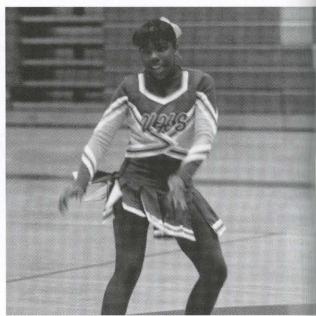
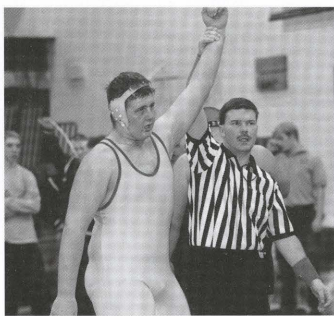
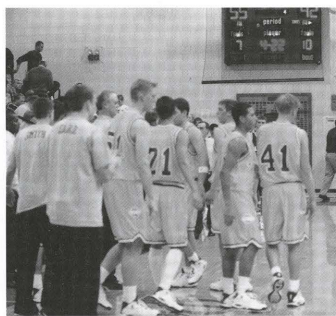
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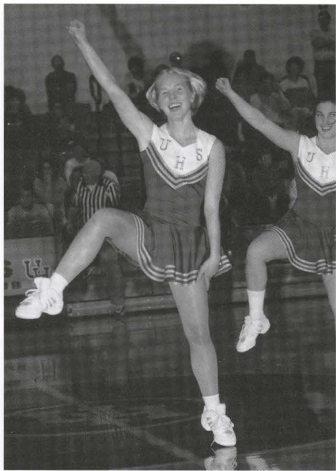
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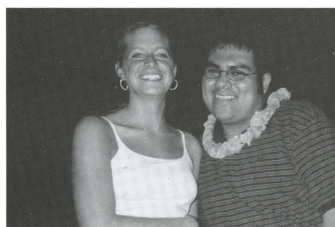
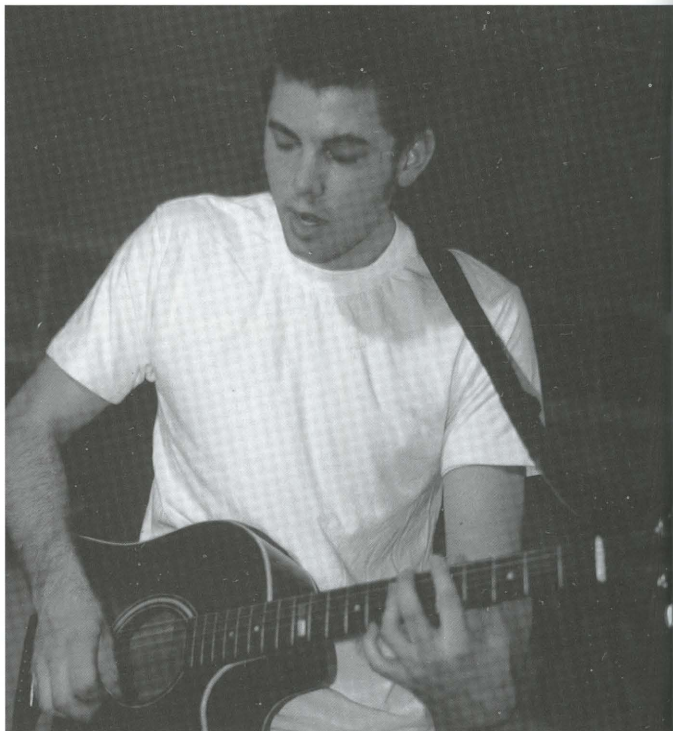
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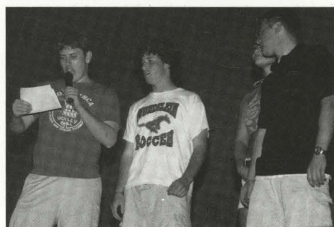
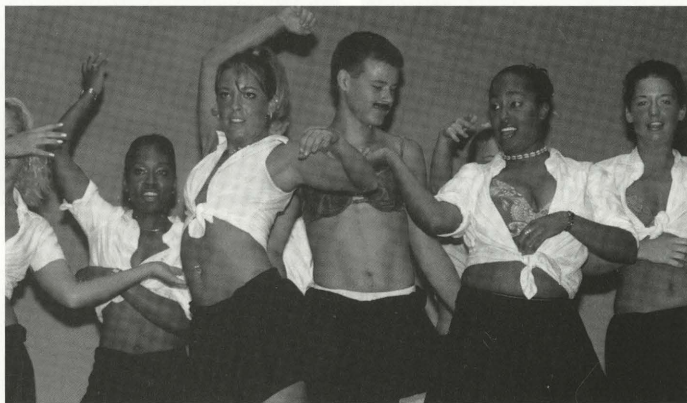
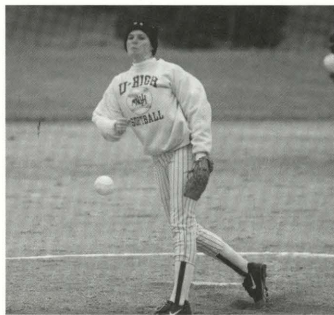
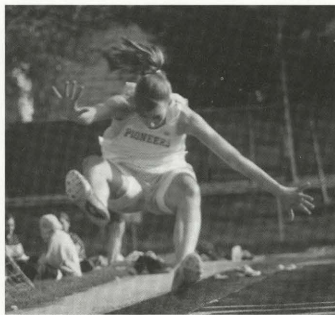
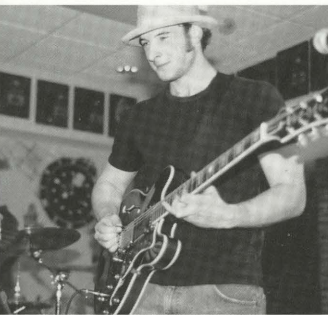


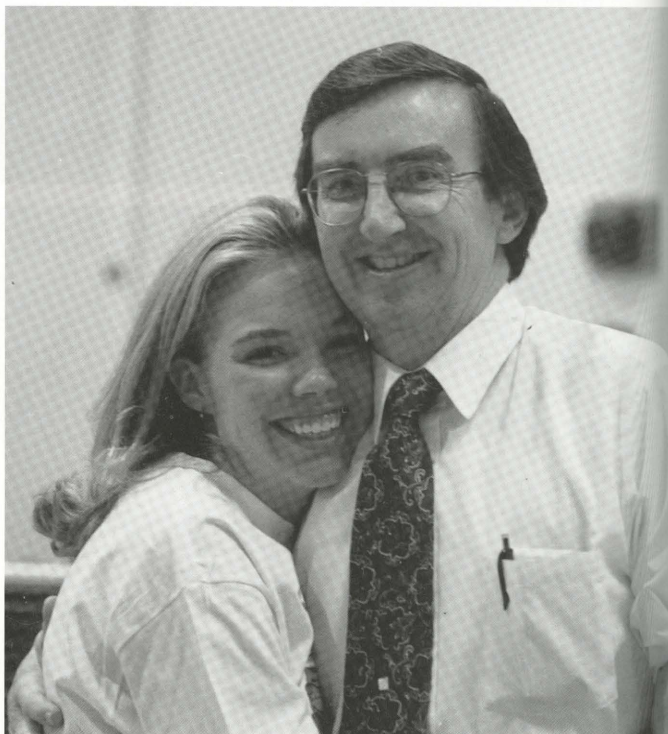
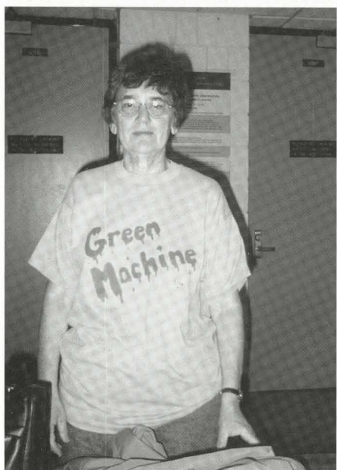


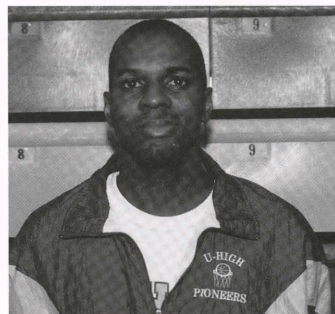
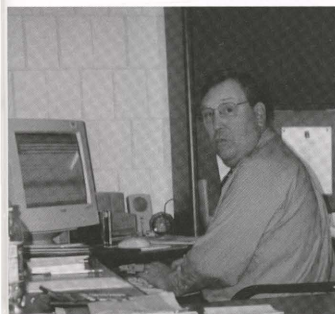
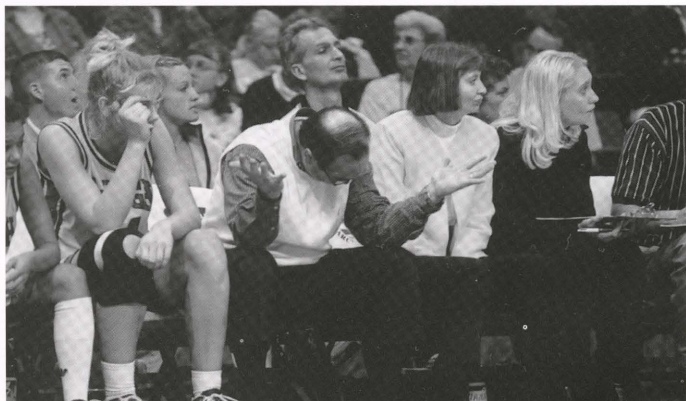
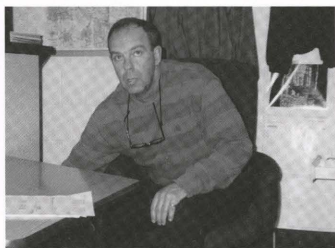














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The Election 2000

After five weeks of hand recounts, court appeals, concessions and retractions, Vice President Al Gore's final concession of the presidency to Texas Governor George W. Bush and his vice presidential running mate Dick Cheney brought an end to one of the longest and most eventful elections in American history.

What happened? The Election at a Glance:

November 7 (Election Day): Shortly before 8 p.m. EST, the major television networks estimate Al Gore and vice-presidential running mate Joe Lieberman the winners.

With a too-close-to-call election throughout much of the nation, Florida becomes the key state in deciding the winner, as the next

president will need Florida's 25 electoral votes to win.

November 8: At 2:15 a.m., results from Florida begin to suggest George Bush carries the battleground state. Gore concedes the election to Bush, thinking Bush has at least a 50,000 vote lead. Forty-five minutes later, Gore gets word Bush's lead has shrunk to only a few thousand votes, and retracts his concession.

Due to the closeness of the election, the focus turns to questionable ballots and fair voting practices.

In St. Louis, Mo., a controversy arises over a lower court's ruling to keep the polls open past the 7 p.m. deadline.



AP Photo/Jim Cole



AP Photo/Phil Sandlin

In Palm Beach County, Fla., an unexpectedly large number of votes for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan lead to questions about the legitimacy of the punch-card-style "butterfly ballot."

November 9: Gore's team requests a hand recount of ballots in four Florida counties, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Broward and Volusia.

November 16: Bush's lawyers submit written arguments to the U.S. Federal Appeals Court to end recounts.

November 22-December 8: Hand recounts and legal battles continue, making the word "chad" (the small piece of paper punched out of the ballots) a household word.

December 9: The U.S. Supreme Court halts the manual recounts and sets a hearing for two days later.

December 13: In a public concession speech, Gore states he no longer wishes to prolong the election, and yields the presidency, making George W. Bush the nation's 43rd president, and the first chief executive since Benjamin Harrison in 1888 to claim the office with the majority of electoral votes but a minority of the popular vote nationwide.



AP Photo/Victor Cavaro



AP Photo/Amy Sencetta

YOU SAID...

Was Al Gore's appeal for a vote recount in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties justified or unjustified?

Unjustified
Justified

54 %
46 %

Politics and World News

Elian Gonzalez, a six-year-old Cuban boy found off the coast of Florida, survived yet another ordeal: the brutal custody battle between relatives in Miami and his father in Cuba. The long struggle culminated in a late-night raid on a Miami home where armed U.S. agents seized Elian by force, putting him in the custody of his father who returned with Elian to Cuba.



AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee

In a stunning surprise move, Israeli **Prime Minister Ehud Barak** announced his resignation. Barak's popularity had dropped during the ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. Barak stood for re-election, hoping for a vote of confidence from the Israeli People, but lost to Likud party leader Ariel Sharon.

Many thought peace between **North Korea and South Korea** would never happen, but the past year saw warming relations between the two countries, which are still technically at war. Images of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il entertaining South Korea's Kim Dae-jung at a June peace summit in Pyong-yang were considered some of the most surprising news pictures of the year.



AP Photo/Korea Pool/Yonhap

Tragedy struck when **Air France Flight 4590**, one of only 13 Concorde jetliners in use, caught fire upon takeoff and crashed into a small hotel in the French town of Gonesse. The 109 people aboard were killed, as well as four people on the ground.



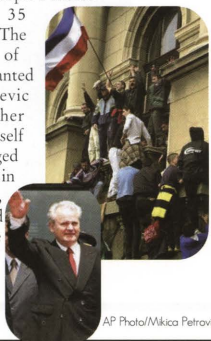
AP Photo/Christopher Ena

Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first active first lady of the United States to win an elective office when she defeated U.S. Republican representative Rick Lazio for one of New York's U.S. Senate seats.



AP Photo/Jim McKnight

Elections in Yugoslavia turned angry when **Prime Minister Slobodan Milosevic** lost to the people's choice Vojislav Kostunica 35 percent to 55 percent. The election's close margin of error would have warranted a recount, but Milosevic refused to hold another election, declaring himself the winner. The outraged public rallied violently in the streets of Belgrade, and the riots combined with pressure from the U.N. and Russia finally forced Milosevic to concede the election to Kostunica.



AP Photo/Mikica Petrovic

YOU SAID...

Who would you have voted for in the presidential election?

Bush	43%
Gore	38%
Nader	12%
Other	7%

Politics and World News

A nation mourned the lives lost on the Russian nuclear submarine **Kursk**, which sank to the bottom of the Barents Sea after being shattered by a huge explosion. Despite the prolonged rescue efforts of Russian and Norwegian divers, all 118 men aboard the **Kursk** died.

AP Photo/Maxim Marmur



A Christmas Day blaze in Central China tore through a shopping and commercial center, killing 309 people. The fire trapped people celebrating at a Christmas dance party as well as construction workers inside the four-story supermarket, shops and disco building in the Henan province of Luoyang.

Violence and tension in the Middle East escalated once again when the **USS Cole United States Navy** destroyer was attacked while moored in Yemen for routine refueling. Suicidal terrorists on a small boat crept up and bombed the **Cole**, killing 17 United States sailors and Marines.

AP Photo/Joe Marquette



Bitter cold and freezing water did not deter an estimated two and a half million people who bathed in **India's Ganges River** on the first day of a Hindu religious festival. The Maha Kumbh Mela, or Grand Pitcher Festival, takes place every 12 years and sees millions of devotees bathe in the Ganges to purify their sins.



AP Photo/John McCornico

James Perkins, Jr., a former computer consultant, was chosen as the first-ever black mayor of Selma, Ala., with 57 percent of the vote in a runoff election. He defeated long-time Selma Mayor Joseph T. Smitherman, who was going for his 10th re-election.

A 7.6-magnitude earthquake devastated the suburban neighborhood of **Las Colinas in El Salvador**. More than 600 were reported dead. In Washington state, Salvadoran Americans numbering about 135,000 rushed to organize relief efforts while individuals coped with losing relatives and friends in the Central American tragedy.

AP Photo/Victor Ruiz



As the price of crude oil reached a 10-year high of \$34 per barrel, angry truckers and farmers throughout Europe blockaded oil depots and put a chokehold on much of the nation's fuel supply. The high petrol prices led to an unprecedented show of public dissent in European countries, particularly Britain.

People and Entertainment

After 15 years of co-hosting with Regis Philbin on "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," **Kathie Lee Gifford** bid farewell to the show. The 46-

year-old entertainer, wife of former football star and Monday night sports announcer Frank Gifford, cited concerns about spending more time with her two young children, son Cody and daughter Cassidy, as reasons for leaving the show. ABC soap opera actress Kelly



AP Photo/Richard Drew

Ripa was selected as Gifford's replacement.

The Food Network brought popular Japanese cooking show **The Iron Chef** to the United States, where it quickly became a cult hit. The theatrical Japanese

program featured an unusual combination of WWF Smackdown-type competition and gourmet cooking, pitting the world's best chefs against each other in a culinary battle using eclectic ingredients such as pork belly or giant eel.

AP Photo/Shize Karbayashi



Web superstar **Napster**, founded and created by 19-year-old Shawn Fanning, was pulled into court as the Recording Industry of America sued to stop the extremely successful

Internet music file sharing company in aiding the distribution of copyrighted songs. The legal pressure led to a federal court ruling for Napster to stop its users from trading copyrighted material and also to an alliance with German media giant Bertelsmann.



AP Photo/Louis Lanzano

George, the political monthly magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr., folded in March due to monetary problems. The final issue included a collection of interviews conducted by Kennedy while he was editor.

Two years after announcing he had Parkinson's disease, actor Michael J. Fox made his final appearance on the ABC sitcom "Spin City." Despite his degenerative disease, Fox saw the series through its 100th episode.

Movie actor **Charlie Sheen** took over for him, not as Fox's "Spin" character, but as a new deputy mayor on the show.

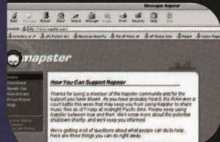


AP Photo/Chris Pizzello

YOU SAID...

How often do you use Napster?

Never	36%
Frequently	37%
Once in a while	27%



AP Photo

People and Entertainment

Reality-based television shows became a pop-culture phenomenon with the summer debut of CBS's

"Survivor" and "Big Brother." **Richard Hatch** was the first contestant to survive "Survivor," winning the \$1 million grand prize. The shows feature screened contestants placed in real-life situations with no scripts or predetermined outcomes. MTV's "The Real World" was the predecessor to the popular "real" shows, followed by "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," "Greed" and

"Making the Band."

New bride **Jennifer Aniston** may have taken his eligible bachelor status, but *People* magazine had no problem crowning actor **Brad Pitt** the Sexiest Man Alive in 2000. Also named Sexiest Man Alive in 1995, Pitt is the first two-time title-holder since the magazine began its "Sexiest" tradition in 1985.

After being diagnosed with testicular cancer, MTV comedian **Tom Green** of the "Tom Green Show" aired a TV special documenting his battle with cancer as well as the comedian's lymph node removal surgery. Green hoped televising his experience would help others gain awareness about cancer.

Despite pleas from the band for fans to move back because people were

being pressed up against the stage, eight Pearl Jam fans suffocated in a mosh pit at **Denmark's Roskilde Festival**. A ninth victim died five days later in a hospital. Twenty-five were injured at the four-day festival, where approximately 50,000 people turned out to see 200 bands play.

The Beatles' 1966 record "Revolver" has been named the greatest rock album ever in a poll conducted by the cable music channel VH1. The Beatles capped a list of the 100 best rock albums taken from a VH1 poll of 500 rock journalists and musicians, including Britney Spears, Jackson Browne, Elvis Costello, Roberta Flack and Art Garfunkel. The Fab Four are still topping the charts with "1," a collection of all the Beatles' number one hits.

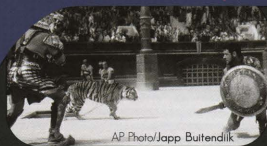
"**The West Wing**" set a record for the most Emmys earned by a show in its first season. The NBC political drama won nine Emmys, including outstanding drama, at the 52nd Annual **Prime Time Emmy Awards**. The show surpassed the record previously held by "ER" and "Hill Street Blues." The NBC comedy "Will & Grace" also turned 11 of its nominations into awards, including outstanding comedy.

YOU SAID

What is your favorite TV show?

1. **Friends**
2. **The Simpsons**
3. **Jackass**
4. **Dawson's Creek**
5. **7th Heaven**



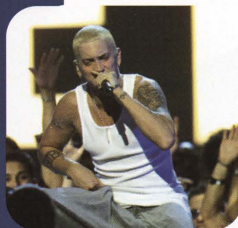


AP Photo/Japp Buttendik

What was your favorite movie of the year?

1. Scary Movie
2. Gladiator
3. Road Trip
4. Gone in 60 Seconds
5. The Patriot

YOU SAID...



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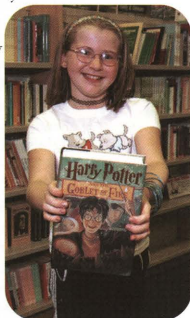
Controversial rapper **Eminem**, a.k.a. Marshall Mathers, got top honors at the ninth annual MTV Video Music Awards, winning the coveted Video of the Year award along with best male video for his signature song "The Real Slim Shady." Eminem's "The Marshall Mathers LP" sold 1.76 million copies during its first week.

Harry Potter mania infected readers around the world. Although Book One of the series, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," was first published in 1997, Y2K saw a mad surge in popularity for the boy wizard. The first four of the seven-book series, released by the end of 2000, sold 60 million copies in 200 countries. The voluminous 734-page "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (book four) packed book houses with a record first printing of 3.8 million copies.

AP Photo/Dave Caudin



11-year-old British actor **Daniel Radcliffe** snagged the role of Harry Potter in the upcoming Warner Brothers movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."



AP Photo/Will Kirk

Versions of ABC's hit smash "**Who Wants to Be a Millionaire**" hit the airwaves in 31 countries, with more on the way. In India, a Hindi-language version became the country's most popular program ever.

After a high-profile bidding war with other filmmakers, Universal Studios finally own the prized rights to Dr. Seuss's popular children's story "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**," when director Ron Howard impressed Seuss's widow with his take on the tale. Comedy icon Jim Carrey stole the show as the nasty green villain. A blockbuster smash, the movie was the highest grossing film of the year.



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Film director **Steven Spielberg**, American creator of "E.T.," "Jurassic Park," "Schindler's List" and "Saving Private Ryan" was given an honorary knighthood in recognition of his contribution to the British film industry. He did not become "Sir Steven," as knighthood per se is only for British citizens, but he was able to put the letters "KBE" after his name, for Knight of the British Empire.

YOU SAID...

Which artist had the best album of the year?

AP Photo/WWP/ Eric Jamison



1. Eminem
2. Nelly
3. N'SYNC
4. Limp Bizkit
5. Creed

Science and Technology

Surgeons at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center performed the first **coronary bypass** in the United States on a conscious patient. An epidural block numbed the patient's chest so he could speak to doctors during the beating-heart procedure. The 51-year-old man who received the single bypass recovered successfully.



AP Photo/PPL Therapeutics

The first five cloned piglets were presented to the world in April. The pigs were cloned from fetal-pig skin cells and scientists believe that due to the similarities between porcine (pig) and human organs, the

techniques used to clone this litter may eventually create a supply of genetically modified pig livers and other organs that would be acceptable to the human immune system.



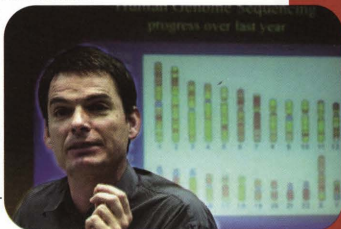
Researchers from Carnegie Mellon unveiled **Nomad**, the first robotic planetary rover with onboard intelligence. Previous planetary explorers, such as the Mars Pathfinder, needed human controllers to tell them what to do, but Nomad performs tasks such as snapping pictures, collecting samples and sending data back to earth by itself. Using a laser range finder and spectrometer, the robot analyzes every single rock in its path. Scientists hope to employ future generations of the rover to explore other planets.

It was a bittersweet victory for scientists when they successfully cloned a **dead Asian gaur**, an extinct species, and brought it into the world from the belly of a farm cow. The baby bull, called Noah, was born at Trans-Ova Genetics in Sioux City, Iowa, but died shortly after birth. Although Noah died, the project gives hope for ways to save endangered species and resurrect those already extinct.



AP Photo/Advanced Cell Technology

After years of dreaming, planning and arguing over who should get the credit, the **International Human Genome Project** and Celera Genomics put their differences aside and officially announced they have (both) deciphered the 3.1 billion biochemical "letters" of human DNA. The amazing breakthrough will allow scientists vast insight into human health and disease at the molecular level, knowledge that will lead to a revolution in diagnosing and treating everything from Alzheimer's to cancer. The discovery is seen as one of history's great scientific milestones, the biological equivalent of landing on the moon.



AP Photo/Sven Koestner



AP Photo/Toby Talbot

A lawsuit was filed when a Chicago man said he suffered adverse allergic reactions after eating Kraft Taco Bell taco shells contaminated with **StarLink**, a form of bioengineered corn not yet approved for human consumption. The corn was approved for pesticide-resistant animal feed only in 1998, but approval for human consumption was withheld due to the corn's shared characteristics with other foods that caused allergic reactions.

Numerous **dot.com** companies were pushed to the brink of failure due to poor business planning, intense competition and weak advertising revenue. The year saw nearly 42,000 **dot.com** company job cuts, billions of dollars in market capitalization lost, and plummeting share prices.



AP Photo/Pool

Astronaut William Shepherd and cosmonauts Sergei Krikalyov and Yuri Gidzenko made up the first team to inhabit the **International Space Station**, taking historic steps toward what NASA hopes will become a permanent living and working space.

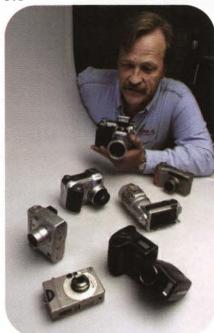
Each team will work and live for four months aboard the Russian module *Zvezda*, conducting biological and technical experiments until another crew replaces them.

Israel-based **Given Imaging**, Ltd. introduced a 1.18-inch-long pill camera that, when swallowed, can travel through a human digestive tract, transmitting two still images per second to a Walkman-like receiver attached to the person's belt. Within 24 to 48 hours, doctors can download the data and assemble a more accurate and complete video of the intestines than can be taken through the more traditional endoscopy.

Y2K saw great improvements in the increasingly popular **digital camera**.

Manufacturers shipped 5.1 million digital cameras throughout the U.S., and the improved photo quality, reduced cost, convenience of not buying film, and ability to review and erase unwanted shots have made the digital camera more popular than ever. *TIME* Magazine named the Nikon Coolpix 990 digital camera the Machine of the Year.

AP Photo/Paul Sakuma



A destructive computer virus was unleashed and self-propagated through the popular Microsoft Outlook e-mail program. With the phrase "**ILOVEYOU**" in the subject line, the virus wreaked havoc on computer networks from Hong Kong to New York, costing millions in software damage and lost commerce.

The 2000 Olympics

Olympics Medal Stats:

US	39 Gold	Russian	32 Gold	China	28 Gold
97 Overall		88 Overall		59 Overall	

More than 10,000 of the greatest athletes from around the world gathered in Sydney, Australia to participate in the 27th Olympiad. Despite being dubbed "the best ever" by leaders of the International Olympic Committee, a 15-hour time difference between the United States and Australia kept many Americans from watching live as the United States came away with an unprecedented 97 medals.



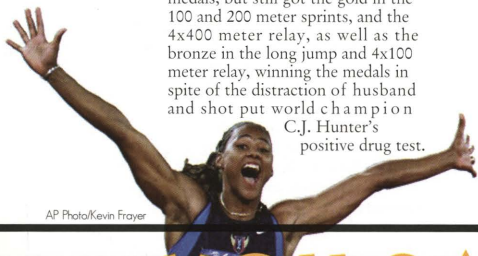
AP Photo/Ryan Ramirez

Spectators beheld a dazzling opening ceremony, including the lighting of the torch by Australian runner (and native Aborigine) Cathy Freeman, who was later overcome with emotion when she won the gold for the women's 400-meter race.

Although the games received the lowest television ratings since 1968, many athletes gave inspirational performances.

United States sprinter Marion Jones fell short of her goal to win five gold medals, but still got the gold in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, and the 4x400 meter relay, as well as the bronze in the long jump and 4x100 meter relay, winning the medals in spite of the distraction of husband and shot put world champion

C.J. Hunter's positive drug test.



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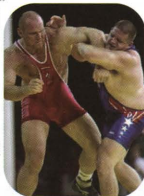
Maurice Green, U.S. sprinter, not only took home the gold, but he also retained the title of "World's Fastest Man" after finishing the 100-meter sprint in 9.8 seconds.



AP Photo/Eric Draper

In the water, Laura Wilkinson had a surprise victory over a superb Chinese team to move from fifth place to first and win the first U.S. gold in the women's 10-meter platform in 36 years.

Australian swimmer Ian Thorpe, nicknamed "Thorpedo," broke the world record in the men's 400-meter freestyle relay, finishing in 3:13.67.



AP Photo/Kurtis Kozdora

On the mat, U.S. heavyweight wrestler Rulon Gardner toppled the undefeated Russian wrestling icon Aleksandr Karelin.

Medal-rich swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg and the U.S. men's relay team won the 400-meter relay in 3:33.73, lowering the mark of 3:34.84 set by Americans at the 1996 Atlanta Games. It was Krayzelburg's third gold after victories in the 100- and 200-meter backstrokes.



AP Photo/David Longstrech

YOU SAID...

How much of the 2000 Summer Olympics did you watch?

Most	12%
Some	32%
Very Little	29%
None	27%

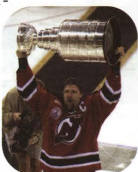
The Year in Sports



AP Photo/Ron Frenn

Having never played each other in the World Series before, the New York Yankees battled the New York Mets in what was dubbed the "Subway Series." Victorious at Shea Stadium, the Yanks defeated the Mets, 4-2, in Game 5 of the Series, becoming the first team in more than 25 years to win three straight titles.

The New Jersey Devils defeated the Dallas Stars, 2-1, in double overtime during Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals, earning the team their second Championship. The Devils took the best-of-seven series, 4-2. Devils captain Scott Stevens won the Conn Smythe trophy as Stanley Cup playoff MVP.



AP Photo/LM. Otero

The Baltimore Ravens stomped the New York Giants, 34-7, in Super Bowl XXXV, giving the city of Baltimore their first NFL championship in 30 years.

AP Photo/Doug Mills



Defensive player of the year and game MVP Ray Lewis led a defense that intercepted four passes from the Giants and held New York to 152 total yards. The second and third touchdowns on three plays late in the third

quarter were back-to-back kickoff returns by New York wide receiver Ron Dixon and Baltimore wide receiver Jermaine Lewis, creating a Super Bowl first.

The Kansas City Wizards downed the Chicago Fire, 1-0, for the MLS Cup at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. The win was a surprise comeback for the Kansas City team who finished last in 1999, and had not been to the MLS post-season since 1997. With 10 saves in the Chicago game and a record 16 shutouts in 2000, Wizards goalie Tony Meola had one of the best seasons of any player in MLS history, earning MVP honors from MLS and Honda, as well as Aquafina Goalkeeper and Ace Comeback Player of the Year awards.



AP Photo/Stephen J. Bortone

The Texas Rangers made shortstop Alex Rodriguez the highest-paid player in baseball history when he agreed to a 10-year, \$252 million contract with the team. The 25-year-old All Star previously played for the Seattle Mariners.

After three and a half years off the ice, Hall of Fame hockey center and former team owner Mario Lemieux returned to play center with the Pittsburgh Penguins. Lemieux was responsible for leading the Penguins to consecutive Stanley Cup championships in 1991 and 1992. He also brought the financially strapped team out of bankruptcy last year, becoming the first former player from the four major North American sports leagues to own a team.

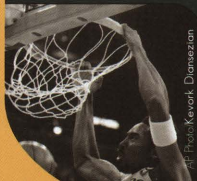
AP Photo/Keith Srakocic



YOU SAID...

What sports figure would you name MVP of the year?

1. Tiger Woods
2. Kobe Bryant
3. Randy Moss
4. Marion Jones
5. Michael Jordan



AP Photo/Keveck Dierksen

The Year In Sports

The Houston Comets pulled ahead in overtime for their fourth straight **WNBA Championship** with a 79-73 victory over the New York Liberty, making Houston the first professional basketball team to win four straight titles since the Boston Celtics captured eight in a row in 1959. The Comets defeated New York 2-0 overall in the series with the help of four-year MVP Cynthia Cooper, who hit a 3-pointer with 21 seconds left, forcing the tied game into overtime.



AP Photo/Pat Sullivan

Sports Illustrated magazine's Sportswoman of the Year **Venus Williams** proved power ruled in 2000. The female tennis phenomenon captured the ladies singles title at Wimbledon, not only claiming her first Grand Slam victory, but also becoming the first female black

champion at Wimbledon since 1958. She and younger sister, Serena, teamed up to win the doubles crown at the All England Club. Williams later went on to win the U.S. Open,

and take the gold in both singles and doubles (with Serena) at the Sydney Olympic Games.



AP Photo/Elise Amendola

Indiana University's volatile basketball coach **Bobby Knight** was dismissed after 29 years of leading the Hoosiers. Knight was fired for "a pattern of unacceptable behavior" and for allegedly grabbing and swearing at a student, violating the "zero tolerance" policy instituted by university president Myles Brand. Thousands of devastated students protested the decision.

AP Photo/John Swart



The **Los Angeles Lakers** beat the Indiana Pacers 4 to 2 to win the NBA Championship. The win marked the team's seventh championship, and coach Phil Jackson's first win without Michael Jordan. Jackson's New Age coaching style, which included meditation combined with his triangle offense and suffocating defense, led the Lakers to a league-high 67 wins.



AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

Named *Sports Illustrated* magazine's Sportsman of the Year, golfer **Tiger Woods** continued to set amazing records in 2000. Woods is the only athlete to earn the "Sportsman" title twice, the first golfer to win nine PGA titles in a year since 1950, the second ever to win three professional majors in a single season, and, at 24 years old, the youngest of five golfers to complete a career Grand Slam.



AP Photo/Scott Audette

News, News, News and More News

Demonstrating the convenience of e-commerce, former computer systems manager Mitch Maddox rented an empty apartment in Dallas, and, armed with only a laptop, lived exclusively online for a year without leaving his apartment. He ordered everything online, from food and furniture to a personal artist who decorated the apartment. The 26-year-old Maddox changed his name to



AP Photo/L.M. Otero

DotComGuy and hosted a 24-hour live feed of his experience.

After years of urging recruits to "Be all you can be," **The U.S. Army** decided it was time to update their image and change slogans. Targeting recruits between the ages of 18 and 24, the Army launched new promos focusing on technology, training, benefits and the individual with the new tagline "An army of one." The old slogan was ranked the second best advertising campaign of the 20th century.

Old Man Winter dealt the United States a heavy blow beginning in late November. Heavy snows covered the Midwest and Northeast throughout the holiday season, and southern states such as Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, and Florida suffered unusually cold temperatures and heavy ice storms, which damaged crops and caused lengthy power outages for many residents.



AP Photo/Jake Schaeff Kapf

Sony's much-anticipated **PlayStation 2** game console was released, but much to the disappointment of waiting gamers, a production delay caused demand to far outstrip supply. The coveted console has DVD and CD playing capabilities, advanced graphics, and the capacity to connect to the Internet.



AP Photo/Frank Augstein

Liz Murray was granted a full scholarship from the *New York Times* to attend Harvard University. Homeless for several years after her drug-addicted parents lost their house, Murray finished high school in two years while camping out in New York City parks and subway stations. Her single dorm room at Harvard was her first steady lodging in four years.

Timothy McVeigh, the 32-year-old Gulf War veteran convicted of murder in the April 1995 truck bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, was sentenced to be executed by lethal injection. The bombing killed 168 people in what was considered the bloodiest terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil.

America Online, the world's largest Internet service provider, stunned the world with the news it planned to merge with **Time Warner, Inc.**, the world's largest media company. The \$118 billion deal is considered the largest corporate merger in U.S. history.

YOU SAID...

Would you spend above and beyond the retail price to get a PlayStation 2?



AP Photo/Sony

No 91%
Yes 9%

**news, news,
and More News**

Maria Tirrotta Andrews gained international notoriety when she brought her 350-lb. pig, *Charlotte*, on a Boeing 757 airplane flying nonstop from Philadelphia to Seattle. The pig joined her owner in first class, having been granted "service animal" classification usually reserved for seeing eye-dogs. Andrews, who suffers from a heart condition, brought the pig along on her doctor's recommendation, claiming Charlotte helped her feel more relaxed.

AP Photo/Mike Deren



Nearly 100,000 mothers converged in Washington, D.C. and nearly one million rallied across the country in the **Million Mom March**. The demonstration was meant to put pressure on Congress to enact tougher gun control laws, while memorializing those senselessly killed by gun-related violence.

One of the hottest holiday items of the year, the **mini-scooter**, turned out to be more hazardous than fun. More than 100,000 scooters were recalled due to complaints the handles unexpectedly came out of the steering column, causing riders to fall. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported nearly 10,000 people, mostly children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for scooter-related injuries by the end of the year.

“Caring capitalism” yielded to creamy profits when **Ben Cohen** and **Jerry Greenfield**, otherwise known as the hippie co-founders of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream, finally sold their company to multinational conglomerate Unilever, despite public protests of “don’t sell out!” Childhood friends Cohen and Greenfield founded the company in 1978.



AP Photo/Kathy Willens

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled for the breakup of **Microsoft**, the world's largest software company, stating it was a monopoly and had operated illegally using anticompetitive means and attempting to monopolize the Web browser market in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Law.

The commandant of the Marine Corps grounded all **MV-22 Osprey** aircraft activity following a crash in North Carolina that killed four Marines. The crash was the second fatal accident for the troubled \$40 billion program. In April, the Osprey crashed while attempting to land after a test mission, killing all 19 Marines aboard. At \$80 million apiece, the aircraft is part of a new generation scheduled to eventually replace all of the Marines' primary troop-transport helicopters.

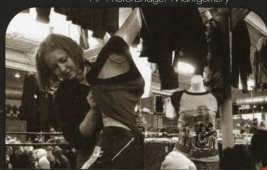


AP Photo/Matt York

YOU SAID...

Which "retro" style would you like to see come back into fashion in the next few years?

The 60s	39%
The 80s	33%
The 20s	17%
The 50s	11%





AP Photo/Eric Gray

Both **Firestone** and Ford suffered major blows after Firestone, a unit of Japan's Bridgestone Corp., was forced to recall six and a half million 15-inch ATX, ATX II and Wilderness tires, most of which were mounted on Ford Explorers. The faulty tires separated from their treads, causing major accidents, personal injury and more than 100 deaths. The recall is one of the largest in U.S. history.

The Army tested the **Crusader**, a faster, bigger mobile howitzer intended to replace the Paladin. The \$23 million system can travel up to 29 miles per hour, with a shell distance of 25 miles. It can also fire a series of 100-lb. shells in rapid succession at different trajectories so that the shells all land in their target zone at the same time.

A statue of wheelchair-bound **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt** was dedicated as the centerpiece of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. Only two pictures exist showing the

President in his wheelchair. Stricken with polio at age 39, which caused him to lose the use of his legs,

Roosevelt kept his handicap a secret for political reasons. The National Organization on Disability fought for six years to get a statue that showed the President as he lived.



AP Photo/Hillary Smith Garrison

Unusually cold temperatures and the lights of the holiday season put a crunch on the **California utility market**. Exorbitant electricity prices coupled with the threat of rolling blackouts angered consumers who were urged to conserve power, and even take down holiday lights. Despite a cap on the state's utility rates, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a 26 percent rate increase to help the two largest utility companies out of \$9 billion dollars of debt. Blackouts throughout the area caused local merchants to suffer and lose revenue.



AP Photo/Paul Schario

Six and a half million acres burned in **wildfires** that raged across 12 western states throughout the summer, including Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Arkansas, California, and Nevada. In Montana alone, firefighters were mobilized from 38 states, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and numerous military units to help battle the blazes.



AP Photo/Douglas C. Pizot

The University of Surrey in Britain has appointed the world's first-ever **professor of airline food** and has added graduate-level courses in the study of in-flight catering. The professorship is being established through a grant from the International Flight Catering Association.

Lasting Impressions



AP Photo

Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 86

Later generations knew him primarily for his role as Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi in the 1977 film "Star Wars," but British actor Alec Guinness was also an Oscar-winning talent known to many as the "man of a thousand faces" for his ability to play and look like a vast variety of characters.

Dale Earnhardt, race car driver, 49

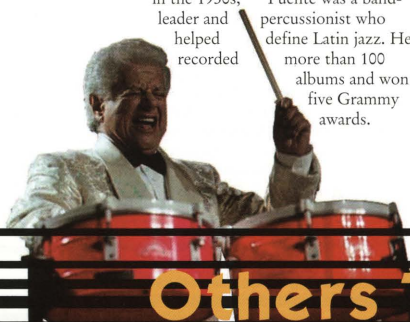
The death of Dale Earnhardt, dubbed the greatest driver ever, came as a shock to NASCAR fans nationwide. Also known as "The Intimidator" for his aggressive attitude on the track, Earnhardt died of head injuries in a 180-mph crash during the last lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.



AP Photo/Ric Feld

Tito Puente, Latin jazz musician, 77

Named the original "Mambo King" in the 1950s, Puente was a band-leader and helped define Latin jazz. He recorded more than 100 albums and won five Grammy awards.



AP Photo/Mike Albano

Cardinal John O'Connor,

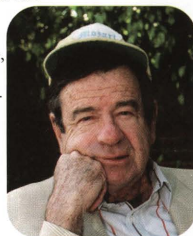
Archbishop, 80
Known best for his work on behalf of the poor and his ministry at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Catholic Archbishop Cardinal O'Connor was a national figure, with influence and friendships among world leaders.



AP Photo/Kathy Williams

Walter Matthau, actor, 79

Probably known best for his role as Oscar Madison in "The Odd Couple," both on Broadway and in the movie, Matthau brought his dry humor to the stage, television and many movies, including "The Fortune Cookie," "Grumpy Old Men," "IQ" and "Dennis the Menace."



AP Photo/Jill Marks

Carl T. Rowan, journalist, 75

A syndicated columnist and best-selling author once called America's "most visible black journalist," Rowan was known for his columns exploring race relations and was a champion of civil rights. Rowan also served as director of the U.S. Information Agency under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and as the U.S. Ambassador to Finland from 1963-1964.



Others To Remember

Steve Allen, comedian and composer, 78

Gwendolyn Brooks, writer, 83

Malik Sealy, basketball player, 30

Jim Varney, actor/comedian, 50

William Hewlett, engineer, 87

Ray Walston, actor, 87

Pierre Trudeau, Canadian Prime Minister, 80

Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Sri Lankan Prime Minister, 84

Don Martin, cartoonist (Mad Magazine), 69

David Brower, environmentalist, 88

Edward Craven Walker, inventor (the Lava Lamp), 82

Werner Klemperer, actor, 80

Richard Farnsworth, actor, 80

David Merrick, Broadway producer, 88

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., writer and producer, 90

Benjamin Orr, musician, 53

Ruth Werner, Soviet spy, (Red Sonja), 93

Loretta Young, actress, 87

Jason Robards, actor, 78

Mel Carahan, politician, 66

